

BLM Exemplary Partnerships Data

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Anchorage School District/BLM School Business Partnership Contact: Greg Balen, 907-271-5537	To provide Anchorage area high school juniors and seniors valuable career development experience by placing participants in BLM offices working in diverse disciplines ranging from surveying to resource management to clerical work.	Greg Balen, program coordinator Susan Ryherd, Agreements Officer career counselors at participating high schools	Provides paid career development experience to participants. Opens the door to land management careers for students. Funnels students into national STEP and SCEP programs, which provides a mechanism to hire and retain future land management professionals. Serves as a valuable recruitment tool. Helps BLM accomplish work goals/special projects in a cost effective manner. Improves high school programs by providing real life work experience for students. Strengthens ties between BLM and the educational community. Demonstrates to students how academic skills are applied and utilized in the workplace.	24 students participated in fiscal 2001. Total of 123 students participating in program since inception (1996). Nearly 24,000 hours worked in FY 01. Total of nearly 86,000 hours over life of program. FY 01 cost - nearly \$168,000. Total spent over life of program just over \$748,000. Three students have gone through program and are now full time BLM employees Nine current STEP/SCEP employees who came on as a direct result of participation in high school business partnership program
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.- Challenge Cost Share Agreement with BLM-Alaska State Office Contact: John Payne, Wildlife Biologist Alaska State Office	To use and develop thematic mapping satellite imagery as a tool used to inventory the earth's vegetative cover. The land cover data is used as a thematic layer in BLM GIS database. The information is used to enhance and restore waterfowl habitats on public lands in Alaska and to conduct wildlife habitat modeling and fire fuels mapping.	Ducks Unlimited, Inc BLM-Alaska State Office	The thematic mapping technology was successfully used to inventory 24 million acres of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. As a result of the NPRA project BLM and DU entered into similar partnerships with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Coast Guard, U.S. Forest Service, NASA, U.S. Air Force and State of Alaska to use the thematic mapping technology to inventory lands under their jurisdiction. To date BLM Alaska has mapped 151 million acres of state, federal and native lands at a cost averaging 8 cents per acre.	Mapping of 151 million acres of land in Alaska and cooperation and partnerships between agencies.

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Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund: Muleshoe Ranch Cooperative Management Area <u>Contact:</u> Michelle Bailey Safford Field Office	Road access improvements and interpretive panels along the Jackson Cabin Road.	BLM US Forest Service The Nature Conservancy Arizona Game and Fish Department	The Cooperative Management Area provides seamless management of a mixture of BLM, Forest Service, and TNC lands, making travel and recreation for the public much easier. Road improvements and kiosks/signs will also greatly help the public. All projects are done cooperative by the partners. This is also an example of Service First.	Improved public access on 14 miles of road, providing access to BLM and FS wilderness areas. Sign and kiosk development will better educate the public.
Arizona Site Steward Program <u>Contact:</u> Gary Stumpf AZ State Office	Conserve and protect archaeological sites.	BLM AZ State Historic Preservation Office AZ State Land Department City of Phoenix USFS NPS BOR Luke AF Base, Site Stewards	One of the most successful, effective collaborations of federal and state agencies, using volunteer citizen stewards who literally "watch out for" significant resources for the benefit of future generations.	
Arizona Site Steward Program <u>Contact:</u> Gary Stumpf AZ State Office	Statewide multi-agency volunteer program established to monitor cultural sites and assist agencies w/ inventory, stabilization, heritage education, and other cultural resource management activities.		Largest and most successful site steward program in the country. Serves as model for other states.	In FY 2001, Site Stewards monitored 1,377 cultural sites throughout Arizona and assisted in other activities for a total of 25,923 hours spent.

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Arizona State Park Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Program: Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area <u>Contact:</u> Tom Schnell Safford Field Office	ASP OHV Recreation Fund has provided funding assistance for the development of visitor facilities at BLM's Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area.		State of Arizona plays an important role in assisting the BLM with funds needed to provide public recreation facility improvements. BLM and ASP partner to provide coordinated messages about OHV safety and environmental awareness.	Installed day-use facilities including restrooms, parking area, picnic sites, watchable wildlife viewing pond, and interpretive trail.
Arizona Strip Regional Planning Task Force Alliance <u>Contact:</u> Roger Taylor Arizona Strip Field Office	To promote communication, cooperation and consultation between federal and state agencies, counties, local communities and individuals for public land planning and management in northwestern Arizona and southern Utah.	BLM Kaibab National Forest AZG&F Dept. USF&WS NPS (Zion and Grand Canyon NP's, Pipe Spring National Monument (NM) and Lake Mead National Recreation Area) Mohave County Coconino County Washington County Kane County St. George Kanab Fredonia Colorado City, Arizona Governor's Office Congressional staff Utah Rural Development Council Five County Association of Governments Kaibab Paiute Tribe	This partnership is driven by the communities and counties and has brought together numerous entities throughout the region. The partnership has established great working relationships and cooperation between those involved.	Open, constructive communication during the designation processes for the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments. Collaborative involvement in planning for the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs NM's and revision of the Arizona Strip RMP. Establishment of a repository in Colorado City of planning documents from around the region. MOU between Mohave and Coconino Counties on joint planning Water resource study of Kanab Creek by USGS for conservation.

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AZSITE: Arizona cultural site inventory database Contact: Gary Stumpf AZ State Office	Computerized database of cultural sites and cultural resource inventories throughout Arizona.	Multiple agencies, universities, Indian tribes and consulting firms are partners	One of the most complete and successful computerized cultural resource data bases in the country.,	ArcView GIS program established on the internet. Majority of site and inventory data for Arizona now in the database. Completion of program will enable BLM and others to check for presence of cultural sites and previous inventories from our computers without having to visit and check records in numerous offices throughout Arizona.
Barry Goldwater Executive Council (BEC) Contact: Michael Taylor Phoenix Field Office	Coordinate Interagency Governmental Management with a Formal Public Participation Aspect by Charter.	US Air Force US Marine Corps BLM (Phoenix and Yuma) US Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service Arizona Game and Fish Dept. US Border Patrol	Multiple agencies with diverse missions are now working together with increased efficiency and public involvement to address common issues. This partnership has cultivated trust and cooperation between agencies and with the public.	This partnership facilitated cooperative management of the Barry M. Goldwater Range prior to transfer to Air Force. This partnership coordinated the development of an access permit system that served the public needs and was administered by several agencies
Central West Zone Interagency Fire Dispatch Center Contact: Glenn Joki Phoenix Field Office	Coordinate Interagency dispatching of fire resources.	BLM (Phoenix and Yuma) Bureau of Indian Affairs US Forest Service (Prescott, Tonto) National Park Service Arizona State Land Department	All agencies work together to provide for effective, efficient and safe dispatching emergency wildland fire fighting resources.	Dispatching of large numbers of interagency fire resources safe and timely manner. Provide excellent customer service to the firefighting agencies and public.

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Conservation Partnership Contact: Jim Gacey Bill Brandau Safford Field Office	Conservation agreement.	Bill Van Pelt; Arizona Game and Fish Department Cochise County Graham County livestock permittees Coronado National Forest	BLM, as a major land manager in historic black-tailed prairie dog habitat, needs to coordinate and cooperate with landowners and agencies to address BLM policy regarding candidate species	Black-tailed Prairie Dog Conservation Agreement (potential re-introduction sites on BLM may be considered) Jaguar Conservation Agreement
Cooperative Trails Inventory Contact: William Gibson Phoenix Field Office	Coordinate and Cooperate with interagency efforts to inventory and map existing roads and trails using uniform approach and data standards.	US Forest Service (Tonto and Prescott) BLM Arizona State Parks Department Arizona State Land Department	The interagency cooperation involved in this partnership has resulted in the development of high quality seamless map products for the public.	Thousands of miles of roads and trails have been inventoried, recorded and digitized using uniform data standards across administrative boundaries providing seamless data for use by the public and for agency planning.
Cooperative Weed Management Area Contact: Philip Cooley Phoenix Field Office	To cooperatively develop common management objectives, facilitate effective treatment, coordinate efforts to control or prevent the spread of invasive species within southwest Arizona and restore natural communities through a volunteer team of individuals and organizations responsible for invasive species management.	BLM (Phoenix and Yuma) US Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service US Air Force Arizona Department of Transportation Arizona Department of Agriculture Arizona Game and Fish Department The Nature Conservancy Sonoran Institute US Marine Corps	This is a new partnership in this area.	None to date. This is a new partnership.

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Dankworth Village Outdoor Classroom Contact: Diane Drobka Anna Rago Safford Field Office	Provide an outdoor classroom interpreting the Native American heritage of the region through a series of replica dwellings and artifacts.	BLM Roper Lake State Park Arizona Archaeological Society volunteers San Carlos Apache Cultural Center local school and scout groups that helped with construction.	This partnership is between the BLM and Arizona State Parks, with the outdoor classroom located on BLM lands provided to State Parks through an R&PP grant. It provides a nearby location for teachers, scout troops, and youth organizations for educational field trips.	Developed Trail Guide for self-guided use of the facility. Developed large Teacher's Guide with educational exercises that teach about archaeology and the importance of preserving cultural heritage.
Gila Monster Watershed Council Contact: Bill Brandau Jony Cockman Safford Field Office	Provide coordinated approach to watershed restoration.	USFS NRCS BOR Natural Resource Conservation Districts universities community groups state agencies landowners	Broad-based grassroots community effort that joins AZ and NM entities who are committed to watershed restoration along the Gila River.	Fluvial Geomorphology Study of Gila River corridor with Bureau of Reclamation Spawned noxious weed control group. Spawned methods to restore riverbanks w/o getting into river. Project coordinator for T&E species.
Graham County Interagency Visitor Information Center Contact: Diane Drobka Safford Field Office	Provide one-stop shopping for tourists who wish recreation information about BLM and FS sites.	BLM USFS Chamber of Commerce	This partnership allows the BLM to provide financial support to the local community through the Chamber staff. The center provides information at times that the BLM office is closed, like on weekends.	Develop BLM exhibit at center. Provide partial funding for Chamber visitor contact staff. Cooperate on brochures and other information. Provide easy access to information for the public.

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Graham County Tourism Task Force <u>Contact:</u> Bill Civish Safford Field Office	This Committee was just formed by the Chamber of Commerce to promote development of tourism in the county.	Partners include federal and state agencies, local businesses, tour operators, guest services (hotels, restaurants).	This committee will promote collaboration and cooperation to allow the community to chart its own course in the development of tourism infrastructure and the marketing of its attractions.	Formed Committee. Hosted Arizona Office of Tourism Community Outreach Workshop. Hosted Tourism Summit to solicit public opinions to begin the process of developing a vision.
Hot Springs Canyon streamflow measurements <u>Contact:</u> Del Molitor Safford Field Office	Provide water measurements in support of instream flow water rights.	The Nature Conservancy	Another example of cooperation between public and private entities who are committed to the goal of conservation of natural resources	Collect streamflow data 8 -10 times per year
International Assistance for Fire Training Mexico <u>Contact:</u> Rocky Bernal Safford Field Office	Provide specialized fire training to Mexican government employees from SEMARNAT (Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales) which is Mexico's Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources, in partnership with Forest Service.	This training was hosted on behalf of the USAID Mission through the U.S. Embassy.	This collaboration between two federal agencies provided much-needed assistance to the Mexican government to help them protect and conserve their natural resources.	Fifteen students in Saltillo, Coahuila, received training in two courses: S-217, Interagency Helicopter Training Guide, and S-371, Helibase Manager. Bernal, who is bilingual, was responsible for presenting Transporte de Carga (Cargo Transport) for S-217 and Responsabilidades, Procedimientos Y Deberes Comunes (Responsibilities, Procedures and Common Duties) and Planificacion (Planning) for S-371.

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Lower Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Group Contact: Gail Acheson 928-317-3201 Yuma Field Office	To increase program efficiency, resulting in personnel and dollar savings, by merging fire and aviation programs to accomplish our common wildland fire management missions and objectives. Each agency is moving forward in implementing ecosystem management a looking for opportunities to economize and to improve efficiency among the three agencies along the Lower Colorado River from Bullhead City, AZ, to the Mexican border.	The BLM (Yuma and Lake Havasu Field Office's) Bureau of Indian Affairs (Colorado River and Fort Yuma Agencies) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges).	Increased efficiency, maximizing fire budgets, personnel, and equipment. Provides the opportunity to economize and to improve efficiency among the three agencies. The positive working relationship carries over to other programs/projects within the agencies.	For each agency - increased program efficiency resulting in personnel and dollar savings by merging fire and aviation programs where appropriate. Several hazardous fuels reduction projects have been successfully accomplished. The group has responded to 150 wildfires in FY 01.
Lower Colorado River Interagency Giant Salvinia Task Force Contact: Gail Acheson 928-317-3201 Yuma Field Office	The purpose of this partnership is to work together to control and eradicate Giant Salvinia in the Lower Colorado River and Mexico.	BLM Arizona Game and Fish Department Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Arizona Department of Agriculture Colorado River Indian and Quechan/Cocopah Tribes Palo Verde Irrigation District California Department of Fish and Game California Department of Agriculture University of Arizona U.S. Department of Agriculture/APHIS National Water Commission (Mexico) International Boundary Water Commission Mexicali Irrigation District	This partnership has strategically focused funding on those areas where control may aid in eradication of the entire infestation. International coordination has been key in consideration of implications to Mexico.	Mechanical clearing and eradication of more than ten miles of the Palo Verde Irrigation Drain, the source of infestation. Development of water quality monitoring program. Mapping and monitoring of Salvinia on the Lower Colorado River. Chemical treatment of Salvinia in strategic locations. Cooperative grant writing to search for funding. Raising awareness of problem through boat launch signage, and monitoring of possible aquatic plant vendors. Research into the possibility of using biocontrol to eradicate Salvinia. Overall coordination with this group has been excellent, dedication to control and eradicate Salvinia has been strong.

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Paleontological Resource Alliance Contact: Larry Thrasher Safford Field Office	Develop significant paleontological (fossil) resources in Arizona.	Southwest Paleontological Society (SPS) Mesa Southwest Museum (MSM) in Mesa University of Arizona (UA) in Tucson, Bob McCord, curator, MSM Richard White, curator, International Wildlife Museum Dr. Everett Lindsay, UA	They have established a model of cooperative efforts between a federal agency, a university, public and private museums, and the amateur fossil-collecting community.	Scientists, working collaboratively, have found numerous fossils never seen before in the area and have established three fossil displays, two in the Safford area and one in the MSM. So far, scientists have published six papers and provided outreach to scientists throughout the nation. A seminar focusing on fossils discovered on public lands in the Safford area is being discussed.
Pine Lake Focus Group Contact: Mike Trent (928) 692-4451 Wade Reaves (928) 692-4427	Community-at-risk (Wildfire).	Pine Lake Fire Department Pine Lake Homeowners Mohave County Parks Arizona State Land Department BLM	Diverse partnership; State, federal and county governments, private entities. Quick acting, minimal bureaucracy, maximum return for effort spent Strong support by all partners.	Formation of interagency Working Group Brush disposal off of private lands. Logical fuel break constructed by firefighters on both private and federal lands. Coordination, communication, consultation and cooperation between state and federal experts and private landowners.
Prescribed Fire Partnership with Audubon Contact: Dave Hall Larry Humphrey Safford Field Office	Reintroduce fire to the Audubon Research Ranch grasslands.	Audubon Research Ranch Manager Bill Brannen is a key member.	Cooperation for a common goal of restoring a healthy environment.	Ongoing prescribed burns and research.

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Prescribed Fire Partnership with The Nature Conservancy <u>Contact:</u> Dave Hall Larry Humphrey Safford Field Office	Restore fire to the Muleshoe Ranch Cooperative Management Area ecosystem.	TNC key players are Ed Brunson and Bob Rodgers	Cooperation for a common goal of restoring a healthy environment.	TNC reports that this unit has burned more acres in cooperation with the BLM than any other TNC unit nationwide. Brush invasion is being reduced and grassland community restored.
Quail Unlimited Wildlife Waters Project <u>Contact:</u> Jim Gacey Safford Field Office	Wildlife water project construction.	Harvey Bray, Tom Neuman w/QU Arizona Game and Fish Dept.	Maximize operations dollars and involve external partners. Using Answer-the-Call funds and partnering with AGFD	Sheldon Mountain Wildlife Water
Raingage Monitoring Program Assistance by neighboring ranchers and landowners <u>Contact:</u> Del Molitor Safford Field Office	Provide weather data needed to make management decisions on the public lands.	Dick Stolp, Guadalupe Ranch Shawn Coates, Old McKensie Ranch The Nature Conservancy, Muleshoe Ranch	Involves the public in management of their public lands in a hands-on way. Demonstrates cooperation between public and private entities.	Raingages services and information gathered 6-7 times per year

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San Simon Restoration Project: cultural resource mitigation Contact: Gay Kinkade Safford Field Office	Partnership with University of Oklahoma to complete analysis, report preparation, and curation of collections.	BLM University of Oklahoma	BLM is partnering with educational institution, which benefits by providing research experience for their students. Cost is shared. Partnership will result in curation of archaeological collections, as required by BLM.	Two projects completed and large artifact collection curated.
Southeastern Arizona Cultural Internship Program Contact: Anna Rago Safford Field Office	Provide month-long educational and employment experience for local youth of diverse cultures.	City of Safford Graham County San Carlos Apache Tribe Phelps Dodge Mining Corporation	Provides students with hands-on exposure to a variety of careers with the five sponsors. Exposes them to collaboration and cooperation, as well as differences, between these agencies/businesses. Brings together youth of Hispanic, Native American, and Anglo cultures.	Received the Spirit of the Land Award from the 2002 Salt Lake (Winter Olympics) Organizing Committee. Provided employment and education for six local youth in June 2001.
Southwest Ecotourism Alliance Contact: Gail Acheson 928-317-3201 Yuma Field Office	The purpose of this partnership is to work together to promote ecotourism in the Yuma vicinity.	BLM Yuma Convention & Visitors Bureau City of Yuma Arizona Game and Fish Department Arizona State Parks Audubon Society-Yuma Chapter Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Cocopah Indian Nation	This partnership has enabled us to put together a Field Guide to Adventure for the Yuma area encompassing areas from all the agencies involved. This partnership is also accredited with putting together the first annual 2001 Yuma Birding and Nature Festival.	The binational Yuma Birding and Nature Festival was a tremendous success, attracting people from all over the United States. Attendees learned about the birds and animals in the Yuma vicinity and Mexico and contributed significantly to the economy in the area. The Field Guide to Adventure is a significant accomplishment because we have breached agency lines to create a pamphlet that the public can utilize for the whole Yuma area.

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State Route Highway 68 Transportation Planning Contact: Kathleen Harcksen (928) 692-4420	Partnership established to expedite EIS process, and quickly build safe highway with minimal impact to resources.	Arizona Department Of Transportation BLM Kiewit private contractor Federal Highways Administration	Agencies developed partnership to establish trust and mutual understanding of agency missions and roles, processes and cultures. Not business as usual for any of these partners. Bureaucratic barriers were identified, discussed and overcome. Implemented innovative highway design build process. (Design as you build) Construction quickly follows resource consultations and clearances, resource specialists actively involved in design immediately before and during construction. Proposed changes can be made quickly.	Rapid expansion of existing highway from two lanes to four, increasing public safety, improving traffic flow, and minimizing natural resource impacts. Impacts to highly scenic visual resources were minimized through rock staining, plant salvage, slope treatments, seeding, transplants, and specialized blasting techniques. Native plant salvage and transplant into new highway corridor, two major wildlife and wild burro crossings across highway, installation of safety barriers (bat gates) on abandoned mines. Acquisition of historic property and key wildlife movement corridor supporting the largest desert bighorn sheep and wild burro population on public lands in North America.
The Nature Conservancy Contact: Ted McRae Ben Robles Jim Gacey Safford Field Office	T&E fish re-introductions and fish studies.	Bob Rogers, Mark Haverstich at TNC	Share aquatic resource sites to accomplish recovery objectives Leverage funding and manpower to accomplish fish and aquatic habitat objectives	Gila topminnow and desert pupfish re-introduction sites Gila Chub Life History Study
U.S. Border Patrol Partnership Contact:	Facilitate better working relations. Achieve great success of the overall mission through joint resources.		BLM is able to work with USBP to avoid potentially damaging situations that could result in natural resource degradation.	Better lines of communication. Appreciation for each other's roles. Awareness of natural resource protection.

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University of Arizona Arid Lands Center Contact: Bill Brandau Safford Field Office	Provide University of Arizona graduate students with real-world laboratory facility on the San Simon watershed.		San Simon River is recognized as a priority watershed in need of restoration. Links university researchers with BLM field projects and provides BLM with added expertise.	Now in second semester of instruction. Students have provided labor to sort/archive files and conduct remote sensing project on watershed.
University of Arizona Vegetation Monitoring Contact: Jony Cockman Safford Field Office	Forest Service and BLM coordinated vegetation monitoring using UA Agricultural Extension agent and technician.		Provides standardized methods for FS and BLM to use in vegetation monitoring in grazing permit renewal. Provides rancher education in vegetation monitoring.	All FS grazing allotments monitored through this program were withdrawn from a lawsuit. Provided BLM SFO w/ vegetation and soil erosion data for 326,000 acres in 2001. Provided training for grazing permittees.
Willcox Chamber of Commerce-Interstate 10 Welcome Center Interagency Exhibit Contact: Diane Drobka Safford Field Office	Provide information about recreation opportunities of BLM, FS, and NPS lands in the surrounding area for the traveling public.	BLM USFS NPS	Three federal agencies are collaborating on the exhibit instead of providing individual exhibits, thus providing a unified view of federal land recreation sites. Agencies and Chamber are working with a private design firm.	Design work has been completed by contractor in collaboration with agency representatives. Agencies are now selecting photos for enlargements. Fabrication of 3D components has begun.

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Wings Over Willcox Sandhill Crane Celebration Contact: Diane Drobka Safford Field Office	Over a dozen partners provide assistance to the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for the birding festival that provides tourism revenue for this rural community.	BLM Arizona Game and Fish Department Forest Service Cochise College Phelps Dodge Mining Corporation Arizona Electric Power Cooperative and many others.	Partnership is a broad-based effort that brings together federal and state agencies, industry, local businesses, environmental groups, and others. This is a grassroots effort that supports the local economy.	Host festival that attracts birders from across the nation. Free seminars provide education about wildlife identification and conservation. Part of proceeds from event is used to improve wildlife viewing areas in the community.

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Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Contact: Jim Kenna (760) 251-4800 Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Establishment of the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument and development of management plan.	Richard Milanovich, Chairman, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians worked very closely with BLM, Secretary of the Interior, and Congresswoman Mary Bono in supporting the designation of the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. The tribe continues to be a key partner in developing both short and long-term management strategies for the monument.	National Monument designated by congressional legislation and proclamation signed by the President on October 24, 2000.
Blue Ridge/Berryessa Coalition Contact: Rich Burns (707) 468-4000 Ukiah Field Office	Coalition works to conserve open space and related values in the Lake Berryessa region of Lake and Napa counties.	Members include more than two dozen state, local and federal agencies, as well as the forestry and mining industries.	The partnership involves a broad spectrum of interests to provide a valuable forum for discussion of natural resource issues.	Vegetation mapping inventories have been completed, along with mapping to identify fire potential. The coalition was a key player in acquisition of the 8,500-acre Gamble Ranch property. Work has included University research associated with special status plants and soil types.
Cache Creek Cooperative Resource Management Planning Group Contact: Rich Burns (707) 468-4000 Ukiah Field Office	Assists in the development of management alternatives for the 60,000 acre Cache Creek Special Management Areas.	Local and state agencies and private land owners	Composition mirrors the Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, balancing commodity interests, environmental interests, local government and the public at large.	The group continues to work on development of draft management alternatives that will be analyzed in an upcoming public review process.

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California Native Plant Society <u>Contact:</u> Tony Danna (916) 978-4630 John Willoughby (916) 978-4638 Greg Thomsen (760) 337-4400 California State Office El Centro Field Office	Partnering to conduct monitoring in the Imperial (Algodones) Sand Dunes.	Allen Barnes, CNPS, Sacramento	CNPS has partnered with us since 1998 in monitoring the Imperial Dunes. For the first time, special status plants have been monitored by walking traverses of the dunes.	Many CNPS volunteers have assisted BLM in walking and riding monitoring transects across the dunes. Two monitoring reports have been developed detailing the results. These results have significantly helped BLM in developing a Recreation Area Management Plan for the dunes.
California Roundtable on Recreation; Parks and Tourism <u>Contact:</u> Tony Danna (916) 978-4630 Tim Smith (916) 978-4644 California State Office	Coordinates and promotes public and private efforts to provide quality, sustainable outdoor recreation in California.	Co-chairs: Keith Demetrak - California State Parks Paul Slavik - American Honda	Interagency public and private sector coordination to provide leadership on sustainable recreation opportunities in California	California Parks and Recreation Leadership Institute. California Trends Conference. California Visitor Capacity Workshop. Outdoor Recreation Information Exchange (ORIX). California roadside rest area tourism posters. California outdoor recreation tourism pamphlet. Interagency, public/private sector networking.

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California State Department of Parks & Recreation and Student Conservation Association (SCA) Contact: Tim Salt (909) 697-5200 California Desert District	California State Parks plays a key role in providing grant funds for the management of OHV use on public lands. The Student Conservation Association provides students summer employment and experience.	Dave Wydell, Deputy Director California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division	Federal, state and private (nonprofit) sectors have allied the off-highway vehicle (OHV) community and wilderness communities in a common project. In addition to specific projects, the partnership with the state provides BLM with grant dollars to complete a variety of projects that address ohv activity on public lands.	Funds were used to hire an interdisciplinary team to implement the monitoring protocol for the open areas in the California Desert District. The SCA restored 180 linear features within 11 wilderness areas.
California State University, Chico Contact: Tony Danna (916) 978-4630 John Willoughby (916) 978-4638 California State Office	Partnering in study to determine effective ways to control the noxious weed, medusahead.	Henricus Jansen, CSUC	CSUC is partnering with two field Office,s and the state Office, to find ways to control medusahead, which threatens rangeland biodiversity.	Study plots are set up in both Alturas and Eagle Lake field Offices to establish pre-treatment conditions, then plots are burned by BLM. Post-treatment conditions are to be read in FY 2002.
Clear Creek Cooperative Resource Management Planning Group (CRMP) Contact: Chuck Schultz (530) 224-2100 Redding Field Office	Improving conditions on Lower Clear Creek near Redding to reestablish a naturally-functioning flood plain, which will improve spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and steelhead trout.	Bureau of Reclamation Fish and Wildlife Service California Department of Fish and Game Western Shasta Resource Conservation District private landowners.	Partnership involves a broad range of stakeholders who share the goals of watershed restoration, improvement of water quality, and improvement of fisheries. They have undertaken a complex set of problems stemming from impacts of historic gravel mining.	Successfully removed a diversion dam that impeded fish spawning. Injection of gravel into the stream channel to improve fish spawning and rearing habitat.

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Coast Dairies Planning Group <u>Contact:</u> Bob Beehler (831) 630-5010 Hollister Field Office	Development of a comprehensive management plan.	Trust for Public Land Save the Redwoods League Land Trust of Santa Cruz County California Coastal Conservancy California Department of Parks and Recreation	Various groups working together on a management plan for a pristine piece of coastal property that will allow a mining operation to continue while preserving the coast and uplands.	The 7,000 acre Coast Dairies property on the north coast of Santa Cruz county has been saved from development. A coalition of public and private groups is working with the public on a plan for the future of the property with eventual BLM management of the uplands.
Cosumnes River Preserve <u>Contact:</u> Deane Swickard (916) 985-4474 Folsom Field Office	Preserve and protect valley oak riparian forests and central valley wetlands.	The Nature Conservancy Ducks Unlimited Sacramento County State of California Departments of Fish and Game, Water Resources State Lands Commission Wildlife Conservation Board	A cooperative approach to the management of lands owned by each partner as a single block of land; sharing resources, expertise and personnel for the management needs of the project.	Preserved and protected over 40,000 acres of valley oak forest, riparian forest, and central valley wetlands in the last 15 years. Restored over 2,500 acres of riparian and wetland habitat.
Eagle Lake Interagency Board of Directors <u>Contact:</u> Linda Hansen (530) 257-0456 Eagle Lake Field Office	Provides a forum for all agencies involved in land and resource management at Lassen County's Eagle Lake to work together. This is a significant lake basin containing the second largest natural lake in California.	Lassen County Board of Supervisors State Department of Wildlife Lands Commission and Regional Water Quality Control Board	Cooperation is important to ensure consistent management approaches of the fragile lake basin ecosystems. The members have successfully worked together on resource conservation projects, such as conservation planning for the Eagle Lake trout, bald eagle and osprey, and management of recreation uses such as boating.	The board has supported efforts of several cooperative management partnerships that have improved fish spawning habitat and improved cattle grazing management. Members have cooperated on recommendations for development of residential area sewer systems and boat launching facilities.

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Eastern Sierra Weed Management Group Contact: Steve Addington (760) 872-4881 Bishop Field Office	Successful integrated weed management program to control and eradicate noxious weeds in the eastern Sierra.	California Dept. of Food and Ag. Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power Inyo County US Forest Service California Dept. of Forestry Natural Resource Conservation Service Inyo/Mono Resource Conservation District Inyo/Mono Cattleman's Association	Brought together a focused effort to control noxious weeds. The program qualified for three national, fish and wildlife grants.	Implemented 40 projects in four watersheds, including a nationally recognized test release site for a saltcedar biocontrol agent. Treated 15,000 acres of weed infestations using integrated pest management techniques. Annual presentation of multi-media weed outreach program to over 250,000 visitors. Development and distribution of Eastern Sierra Weed Identification Guide.
Fort Ord CRMP Contact: Bob Beehler Hollister Field Office (831) 630-5010 Eric Morgan, Project Manager Fort Ord Field Office (831) 394-8314 Hollister Field Office Fort Ord Field Office	To facilitate the re-use of Fort Ord from military to civilian use.	Local governments local homeowner's associations California State University Monterey Bay Watershed Institute Return of the Natives	All those with an interest in the future of Fort Ord are working together to a common goal.	Has improved the habitat at Fort Ord, and by preserving the habitat values, redevelopment has been allowed to go forward.
Fort Sage Technical Review Team Contact: Linda Hansen (530) 257-0456 Eagle Lake Field Office	Initially formed to help develop and manage an off-highway vehicle area in a region that was experiencing unregulated OHV use, the TRT continues to provide a forum for broad-based advice on use and management of this area.	Community of South Lassen County environmental interests sporting interests off-highway vehicle users	The group built community support for development of the OHV area, at a time marked by considerable community skepticism. It has continued to help the agency manage the area for environmentally sound OHV use.	Successful development of the OHV area, Cooperative recommendations on trail management.

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Friends of El Mirage Contact: Tim Read (760) 252-6000 Barstow Field Office	The partnership is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of El Mirage off-highway recreation area.	Ed Waldheim, President Friends of El Mirage	Established as a nonprofit for the El Mirage management area, this group represents partnering at the community based level. Members are locals that live near or around the recreation management area.	The group organized what has become an annual clean-up of the off-highway recreation area, marked trails for hazards, and has made repairs to the dry lake bed.
Friends of the Desert Mountains Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy The Nature Conservancy Contact: Jim Kenna (760) 251-4800 Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Assist BLM in obtaining LWCF (Land Water Conservation Fund) monies for land acquisitions and exchanges.	Bill Havert & Katie Barrows, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy Mark Kramer, The Nature Conservancy Ted Lennon, Friends of the Desert Mountains	Instrumental in obtaining funding for land acquisitions and exchanges in the Coachella Valley for the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto National Monument and habitat for the Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep.	Assistance from these groups has helped BLM acquire lands within the national monument, habitat for threatened and endangered species, and lands for recreation.
Inimim Forest Community Planning Contact: Deane Swickard (916) 985-4474 Folsom Field Office	Increase public awareness and promote public participation in the management of public lands which comprise the Inimim Forest and San Juan Ridge, Nevada County.	Yuba Watershed Institute Residents in the community of San Juan Ridge	Application of community based planning to develop localized land use plans for public land.	BLM and local community work cooperatively to inventory and access resource information for the purpose of formulating the management plan. Developed mutually desirable objectives, completed the plan and started the implementation of a community based plan. The Inimim has been regionally and nationally recognized as a success story for government working with communities to develop land use plans.

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Juniper Management Strategy Group Contact: Tim Burke (530) 233-4666 Alturas Field Office	Develop a comprehensive strategy to inventory stands of Western juniper and reduce the density of stands, improving the vegetative diversity and health of the public lands. The harvested juniper would be used by private industry as a biomass product for electrical generation.	Modoc National Forest Northern California/Nevada Resource Conservation and Development Council private industry	This is the first time agencies and private industry have worked together in northeast California to develop a long-term strategy to manage expanding stands of juniper. Juniper management will benefit livestock grazers, wildlife habitat, and provide biomass fuel.	The group has developed a juniper management concept paper. Work is now underway on juniper mapping inventory, using sophisticated remote sensing technology. The mapping and inventory will be critical for the future development of the management strategy and management actions.
Klamath, Lake, Modoc, Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Working Group Contact: Tim Burke (530) 233-4666 Alturas Field Office	Provide information to the public about the open space and recreational opportunities in the region of southeastern Oregon and northeast California.	State, local and federal agencies and private industries in Modoc and Siskiyou counties, California and Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon.	The project provides information in a seamless manner, ignoring state and administrative boundaries. The project benefits economic development across the region.	The group has produced a recreation map, seamless in design, and a series of recreation brochures which widely distributed.
Livestock Memorial Research Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service: University of California Contact: Tony Danna (916) 978-4630 John Willoughby (916) 978-4638 California State Office	Partnering in a statewide riparian-friendly grazing study to determine which grazing management practices are compatible with healthy riparian systems.	Ken Tate, Cooperative Extension John Braley, Livestock Memorial Research	We have partnered with these two groups since 1999 in this study. Field Office,s have identified riparian sites on BLM land that are in good health under livestock grazing. UCD researchers have assessed these sites using three different techniques to determine grazing management practices, resulting in the development of better management plans for riparian areas.	Several dozen sites have been visited and assessed by the research team. These sites occur on BLM lands, Forest Service lands, and private lands spanning many bioregions. Research is continuing. Once complete, extension of those methods best suited to promoting healthy riparian areas will occur across lands of all ownerships, leading to better conservation of riparian and wetland biodiversity in California.

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Los Osos/Morro Bay Coastal Dunes Acquisition Project Contact: Ron Fellows (661) 391-6000 Bakersfield Field Office	To protect coastal dune habitat.	Morro Bay Estuary Greenbelt Alliance Trust for Public Land Coastal Conservancy U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service California Department of Fish and Game California State Parks San Luis Obispo County	Substantial new development is expected in this area of critical coastal habitat. The Greenbelt Alliance brought together key players to acquire and protect key habitat areas.	BLM has worked to benefit the local community by using its coastal properties as a resource to acquire key habitat areas in need of protection.
Mattole Restoration Council Contact: Lynda Roush (707) 825-2300 Arcata Field Office	Provides a cross section representation from the lower Mattole River watershed to improve water quality and habitat conditions for salmon.	Private landowners, local and state agencies.	Diversified representation on the council to address watershed concerns, including sediment loading.	The cooperative council has completed a variety of projects that have contributed to improvements in the numbers of spawning salmon. About 13 miles of sediment-producing roads in the King Range National Conservation Area have been removed and re-vegetated under council supported projects.
Modoc Washoe Experimental Stewardship Steering Committee Contact: Owen Billingsley (530) 279-6101 Surprise Field Office	Advises BLM and Forest Service on rangeland management on public lands.	Nevada and California fish and game directors livestock permittees environmental representatives sporting and livestock industry representatives representatives from county government U.S. Forest Service	The steering committee was authorized by Congress under the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978. Members work on a consensus basis to develop new and innovative approaches to managing rangeland for livestock grazing and maintaining land health for all interests.	Established grazing fee credit program for range improvements. Developed wild horse herd management recommendations. Implemented Technical Review Team approaches to solve on-the-ground rangeland issues. TRT worked with the Forest Service to analyze all Warner Mountain grazing allotments in one environmental assessment process.

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Mono County Collaborative Planning Team Contact: Steve Addington (760) 872-4881 Bishop Field Office	Enhance communication and coordinate work on projects.	Mono County Inyo National Forest Toiyabe National Forest California Dept. of Transportation California Dept. of Fish & Game town of Mammoth Lakes local and state water boards local Indian tribes	Partnership has brought stakeholders together to talk about issues and defuse tensions in a county where more than 95% of land is federally owned. This team is county driven.	Better, frequent communications between stakeholders. Development of a study group to deal with wetlands mitigation. County-wide visioning process to see what the public likes and where they want to go and how the agencies can help.
OIL & Gas Work Group Contact: Ron Fellows (661) 391-6000 Bakersfield Field Office	To share ideas, information, and to streamline the permitting process.	California Division of Oil & Gas and representatives from the oil and gas industry	It bridged differences with oil and gas industry and everyone is working together toward a common goal.	Bi-annual conference co-sponsored by industry and regulators. Resolved a number of technical issues and developed standardized guidelines for many oil field activities such as sump abandonment and idle well management.
Pacific Coast Fisheries Group Contact: Lynda Roush (707) 825-2300 Arcata Field Office	Monitors resource conditions in the Headwaters Forest Reserve and surrounding private lands, and implements conservation projects.	National Marine Fisheries Service California departments of fish and game and forestry State Water Quality Control Board Environmental Protection Agency private timber companies.	Projects on public and private lands are worked in a seamless way to improve water quality and fisheries habitat. Assistance agreements are used to provide federal matching funds for grants to accomplish on the ground work.	The group has used local non-profit organizations to complete road restoration in the Headwaters Forest Reserve and surrounding lands, reducing sediment flowing into creeks that support salmon spawning.

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Resource Conservation Assistance Agreements <u>Contact:</u> Chuck Schultz (530) 224-2100 Redding Field Office	Agreements enable the BLM to transfer federal funds to the districts for completion of resource conservation projects on public lands.	Western Shasta and Trinity County resource conservation districts Hayfork Watershed Center	Local conservation districts are able to completed needed work on public lands.	Reduction of hazardous fuels and improved wildfire protection in urban interface areas. Rehabilitation of the Lowden Fire area, preventing erosion damage in the watershed above the community of Lewiston.
Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association <u>Contact:</u> Tony Danna (916) 978-4630 Tim Smith (916) 978-4644 Chuck Shultz (530) 224-2100 California State Office Redding Field Office	Tourism and marketing recreation opportunities in Northern California.	Bob Warren, General Manager Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association	Seamless delivery of information on recreation opportunities in the northern third of the state. Information delivered through Welcome Center, maps, brochures and internet.	Northern California Recreation Map and Guide Northern California Welcome Center On-line fax information
The Walt Disney Company and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks <u>Contact:</u> Tim Salt (909) 697-5200 California Desert District	The Walt Disney Company and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks are mutually committed to the goals of educating youth and their families about the role of natural ecosystems in the urban and wildland environments.	Ann Volmer City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Los Angeles Karen Kawanami The Walt Disney Company Burbank, California	Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) is an urban camping program created to introduce urban young people to the importance of outdoor activities and environmental conservation by giving them the skills and confidence to safely participate in outdoor recreational activities. These youth are the future users and customers of public lands, and the WOW program teaches them proper stewardship of their lands	Curriculum providing young people with training and experience in outdoor recreation and environmental education with 8 WOW camp outs annually

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Trinity River Restoration Project <u>Contact:</u> Chuck Schultz (530) 224-2100 Redding Field Office	More than a dozen state, federal and local partners are working on projects to restore fish spawning and rearing habitat and riparian habitats in the entire Trinity River system in northwest California.	State, federal and local partners	A broad based partnership working on the restoration of functioning banks and flood plains and reduction of sediment.	Grass Valley Creek Watershed Restoration Project. Reduction of sediment flow into the Trinity River from one of the major tributaries.
Wildlands Conservancy <u>Contact:</u> Tim Salt (909) 697-5200 California Desert District	Major contributor of funds in land acquisition in Southern California.	David Meyers Wildlands Conservancy	The Wildlands Conservancy has secured millions of dollars in contributions, allowing BLM to acquire thousands of acres of wilderness and habitats to protect threatened/endangered species.	BLM has completed 1st and 2nd phase acquisitions. Acquired 323,000 acres. Wildlands Conservancy donated \$26 million. Currently working with BLM on 3rd and 4th phases, which could include approximately 250,000 acres in wilderness, habitat and lands for recreation.

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Alpine Triangle Recreation Management Area. Contact: Barry Tollefson 970.641.0471 Gunnison Field Office	The partners work together within the framework of a MOU to manage recreation and tourism uses along the Alpine Loop Back Country Byway and on adjoining public lands.	A collaborative partnership comprised of local governments and citizens from three gateway communities - Lake City, Silverton and Ouray - along with the BLM, Forest Service, the Colorado Department of Transportation (operating through the Governor's Scenic and Historic Byways Commission), and tourism organizations and private sector service providers.		
American Red Cross and FIREWISE Contact: Brian Bernard Deputy State Director, Support Services 303.239.3957 Colorado State Office	Trained volunteers help landowners prepare their families, homes, and landscapes to survive wildfires. They organize community education meetings where agency specialists teach fire behavior, fire ecology, and advise on hazard mitigation.	American Red Cross volunteers are working with the Colorado State Forest Service in western Colorado to promote community wildfire preparedness. BLM and the Forest Service provide funds, training, and other assistance.		

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Anasazi Historical Society <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	The Anasazi Historical Society (AHS) supports the Anasazi Heritage Center collections and exhibits program, primarily sponsoring internships and temporary exhibits related to the Chappell Collection. The Chappell Collection is owned by the AHS and is stored at the Heritage Center through a 50-year loan agreement. The AHS enabled the Heritage Center to meet its obligation for a 50 percent match to the Save America's Treasures Project by applying for, receiving and administering a grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund. The AHS also is assisting in administering contracts funded by the Save America's Treasures Project.			
Animas River Stakeholder Group <u>Contact:</u> Cal Joyner 970.247.4874 San Juan Public Lands Center	This partnership has the goal of improving the water quality of the Animas River, which is impacted by polluted discharge from abandoned mines.	The group includes local citizens, various interest groups, the mining industry, and state and federal agencies. The Colorado State Office of the BLM is a proactive participant in the group.		
Archaeological Field School <u>Contact:</u> Kent Walter 970.878.3601 White River Field Office	Partnership to provide an archaeological field school to students from affiliated colleges in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. Field schools are directed by professional staff from BLM's White River Field Office, WWCC, CNCC and ARI. This program has been successfully in operation since 1990 and has provided a quality field educational experience for hundreds of undergraduate archaeology students.	A partnership with BLM, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), Western Wyoming Community College (WWCC), and the Archaeological Research Institute (ARI)		

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Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area <u>Contact:</u> Dave Taliaferro 719.539.7289 Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area	Partnership to manage recreational activities along the Arkansas River operating through a Cooperative Management Agreement. Efforts are coordinated with the communities along the river as well as the Forest Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. A seven member citizen task force provides a forum for public input on recreation management and problem resolution.	Partnership between BLM and the Colorado Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation.		
Axial Basin CRM <u>Contact:</u> John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	The Axial Basin CRM Technical Review Team works collaboratively to improve management of land and resources, promote cooperation among agencies, landowners, user groups, and individuals, and develop and implement multiple resource management programs. The committee is composed of individuals representing minerals, agriculture, environmental, recreation, and sportsman/wildlife conservation views and agency personnel.	BLM NRCS Colorado Division of Wildlife Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service Colorado State Land Board		
Bats and Inactive Mines <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	Under a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Colorado Division of Wildlife evaluates inactive and abandoned mines for bat habitat for the BLM. Abandoned mines with bat habitat are closed with special grates to allow bat access rather than being sealed.	The Department of Energy (DOE) and BLM partner in the closure and reclamation of abandoned uranium mines on public lands and public lands withdrawn to DOE for management. The two agencies pool expertise and funding for efficient remediation of the mines. Where these mines have significant bat habitat, mine openings are closed with special bat grates that allow passage of bats and at the same time prevent entry by the public		

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Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area (BWHA) <u>Contact:</u> Jim Rhett 719.274.8971 LaJara Field Office	The Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area (BWHA) is a wetland complex located in the San Luis Valley managed by BLM. Partners contribute to the operation, maintenance, and construction of the area by offering their time, money, land and water. The annual contribution by partners varies between \$200,000 to \$500,000, which allows BWHA to be one of the most productive wetlands for shorebirds, amphibians and waterfowl in the nation.	Bureau of Reclamation Colorado Division of Wildlife National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Duck's Unlimited (MARSH) Colorado Wetlands Initiative North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Great Outdoors Colorado Trust volunteer birders USGS		
C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) Fishing Program <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	Physically challenged and disadvantaged children learn the joy of fishing with sponsors and community volunteers at this yearly event. National, regional, and local sponsors donate, equipment, tackle, and supplies	C.A.S.T. Foundation B.A.S.S. Foundation Bureau of Reclamation BLM U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service Job Corp Centers Colorado Division of Wildlife volunteer anglers Product sponsors		

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Canyons of the Ancients National Monument/National Park Service <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Canyons of the Ancients National Monument/National Park Service. Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) will work closely with the National Park Service (NPS) and Hovenweep National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park. CANM surrounds two outlying Hovenweep Units and the CANM boundary is about two miles from a third Hovenweep outlier and from the Hovenweep visitor center. The entrance to Mesa Verde National Park is less than 15 miles from the southeast corner of CANM. Prior to establishing CANM, BLM's Anasazi Heritage Center worked closely with both Mesa Verde and Hovenweep, sharing visitor information, co-sponsoring events, and resolving collections management issues. These efforts will continue. During land use planning, CANM will coordinate with Hovenweep, which will also be completing a management plan. Hovenweep has just completed construction of a new visitor center and we anticipate that Hovenweep will assist in providing information about CANM to visitors. Access to the Painted Hand Site, a backcountry CANM site, and Cutthroat Castle, a Hovenweep outlier, is shared by BLM and NPS.. CANM will also coordinate with Mesa Verde during the land use planning effort and will ensure that Mesa Verde is informed and has current information about activities and management initiatives.			

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Closure of Abandoned Mines Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology and the BLM in Colorado cooperate in the closure of hazardous mine openings and in the cleanup of environmental damage from abandoned mines. This work is accomplished through an interagency agreement.			
Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area/Colorado National Monument Contact: Greg Gnesious 970.244.3000 Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area	Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA) and Colorado National Monument (COLM) are pursuing a nearly parallel course in their respective planning processes and are working together on mutual planning issues. CCNCA is beginning its public scoping sessions in January for development of its Resource Management Plan; COLM begins its public meetings in February for the development of their General Management Plan. Areas of mutual concern and for potential partnering include trail links between the two areas (the monument and the NCA share a mutual boundary), an interagency visitor contact station, interpretation, fire management, shared personnel, tribal consultation, and a number of resource management issues. There are especially good opportunities for partnering in the area of interpretation where discussions include publishing a cooperative newsletter, staffing an interagency contact station, and having NCA staff participate in giving programs at COLM's Park Service campground and visitor center. Exhibits at the National Monument will reflect regional concerns and include the NCA			

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Colorado Celebrating Wildflowers Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	A five-year partnership to promote the appreciation of native Colorado flora on public lands. During National Wildflower Week, coloring books, posters, and brochures are distributed to educate the public about native and nonnative invasive plants in Colorado. Field tours are also conducted on public lands to assist the public in plant identification.	BLM U.S. Forest Service Denver Botanic Gardens		
Colorado Historical Society-State Historical Fund Contact: LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	The Anasazi Heritage Center and its partners regularly apply for and receive funding for projects through the Historical Fund grants program. Projects include the People in the Past interactive computer program and teacher activity guide; Escalante Trail interpretive signs, Great Sage Plain video, Escalante Pueblo Curriculum, Dolores Data Access Project, Southwest Colorado Collections Project (2 grants to match Save America's Treasures grant), and annual Archaeology Week events.			

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Colorado Interagency Archaeological Task Force <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Partnership established in 1994 to promote public education, outreach and crime prevention projects. The partners include the Colorado Archaeological Society, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, Colorado Historical Society, Colorado Department of Transportation, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, National Park Service, and BLM. The task force sponsors Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month, teacher workshops, archaeological law enforcement training, public education programs and initiatives for the long-term care of archaeological collections and records.			
Colorado Natural Resources Group (CNRG) <u>Contact:</u> Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	The CNRG is an organization of the mid-level land and natural resources managers throughout Colorado. The group focuses on broad issues facing all resource management agencies in Colorado. While much of CNRGs effort is in the sharing of information, the group also forms subgroups of agency staff and/or promotes collaborative approaches to defining and resolving perceived issues.	USFS Forest Supervisors Colorado Capital City liaison officer Colorado Division of Wildlife Regional Supervisors Colorado State Parks Regional Supervisors and Assistant Directors BLM Center Managers National Park Service Superintendent Colorado State Forest Service Assistant State Forester		

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Colorado Noxious Weed Management Team <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	This group was formed as a follow-up action to the Department of the Interior Weeds meeting held in Denver in September 1995. A MOU between State of Colorado agencies and the Federal Departments of Agriculture and Interior was signed in March 1996. The group initially helped the State Department of Agriculture create the State Weed Coordinator position, and designated six state-sponsored weed management project areas, as well as initiating Colorado's first weed awareness week.			
Colorado Outdoor Recreation Resources Project (CORRP) <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	Partnership, based on a charter, which provides a communications forum for key natural resource recreation and tourism providers. CORRP is a round-table steering committee which meets on a monthly basis to discuss a wide variety of recreation and tourism issues. Includes the directors of the federal and state land and recreation management agencies.	BLM Forest Service NPS Fish & Wildlife Service Colorado Parks & Outdoor Recreation Colorado Division of Wildlife Colorado Division of Forestry		

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Colorado Plateau Data Coordinating Group <u>Contact:</u> Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	The Colorado Plateau Data Coordination Group represents a wide variety of interests and view points with a common interest in geographic data. Credible, impartial, compatible, and widely shared geographic data provides common ground for discussion and a basis for sound decisionmaking. The development of a consistent, policy neutral, and widely available data sharing mechanism is critical to meeting the needs of the people on the Colorado Plateau. This effort focuses on collaboration of people and the sharing and coordination of data resources.			
Colorado Plateau Managers Group <u>Contact:</u> Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	BLM field managers responsible for managing public lands situated on the Colorado Plateau work together to more efficiently manage public lands by recognizing regional issues and opportunities. The Managers Group, through their Science Committee, actively promotes the use of best available science and information in managing public lands and has taken the lead in coordinating the procurement of new research and data and the compilation of valuable existing information.	The Colorado Plateau Managers Group serves as a key contact point for numerous state and federal agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and colleges and universities working on the Colorado Plateau.		

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Colorado Rare Plant Technical Committee <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	This informal group, initiated in 1992, is comprised of the BLM, Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, State of Colorado Natural Areas Program, and Colorado State University's Natural Heritage Program. Representatives of these Federal and State agencies meet with private individuals and organizations interested in managing rare plant species in Colorado. The group meets several times a year to share information about agency priorities, monitoring results, and other pertinent information about rare plants in Colorado. In 1997, the committee published the Colorado Rare Plant Field Guide.			
Colorado Riparian Association <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The Colorado Riparian Association (CRA) is a group of landowners, resource managers, organizations, and interested people promoting awareness of the values and long-term benefits of proper management of Colorado's riparian areas. Among other activities, CRA produces occasional publications -- including A Driving Guide to Riparian and Wetland Restoration in Colorado, Colorado Stream Corridor Management Guide, and Annual Conference Proceedings -- sponsors annual conferences and field tours, highlights exemplary riparian protection and restoration through an annual awards program, and demonstrates stream channel processes with a traveling trailer exhibit. BLM has been actively involved with CRA since its formation in 1988.			

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Colorado Riparian Training Cadre <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The Colorado Riparian Training Cadre is an interagency (BLM, USFS, NRCS) team, which provides training sessions on how to assess riparian/wetland conditions. These sessions are targeted to private landowners, state/federal/county employees, and other interested individuals in Colorado with a primary objective of developing a common vocabulary and understanding of riparian areas among people who work on the land. In addition to the training sessions, cadre members also offer technical assistance to private landowners and watershed groups on riparian and stream enhancement projects. There are similar training cadres in the other western states, all operating under the guidance of the National Riparian Service Team, based in Prineville, Oregon.			
Colorado State Historic Preservation Office <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	Partnership established in 1998 to develop and maintain an automated cultural resources inventory for private, State, county, and federal lands. BLM assists the State with automating their cultural resource database as well as obtaining Geographic Information System mapping capability. The long-term goal is to have all cultural resource data from BLM lands accessible in GIS for use in the State cultural resource database for compliance work and scientific research.			

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Colorado Wild Horse Inmate Program <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303,239.3745 Colorado State Office	The program began in 1986 as a means of finding homes for older, less adoptable horses. Partnership brings together a surplus of unadopted wild horses and potential work force of men and women (prison inmates) who conduct halter and saddle training of the wild horses. The inmates also provide daily care for over 600 wild horses and burros that rest in Canon City before continuing their journey to adoptions in the east. For the last nine years, the program has been self-supporting. More than 5,000 horses have been through the training program since its inception. Partnership has resulted in increase of number of wild horses being adopted by the public.	The partnership operates through an Assistance (cooperative) Agreement between the BLM and the Colorado Department of Corrections.		
Colorado/Utah Black-footed Ferret Recovery Plan <u>Contact:</u> John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	Eleven-year partnership to reintroduce the rarest and most endangered mammal in North America, the black-footed ferret, in northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah. The goal of the 1988 National Fish and Wildlife Black-footed Ferret Recovery Plan establishes about 1,500 black-footed ferrets in 10 separate, self-sustaining colonies by 2010.	Colorado Division of Wildlife Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, CO Little Snake Motorcycle Club Utah State University Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service USGS-Biological Resources Division Animal Plant Health Inspection Services BLM in Colorado and Utah.		

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Consortium for Heritage Stewardship Contact: LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	This information sharing group meets quarterly and has completed projects such as sponsorship of Project Archaeology workshops and leadership in the development of a stewardship program for heritage tourism in southwestern Colorado.	Indian Tribes (Ute Mountain Ute, Hope Tribe, the Navajo Nation), Fort Lewis College, museums (Anasazi Heritage Center, Mesa Verde Museum, Salmon Ruins Museum, Center for Southwest Studies); Cortez Economic Development Council; Crow Canyon Archaeological Center; Anasazi Archaeological Institute; Four Corners Heritage Council; and the Southwest Colorado Project Archaeology (local and regional teachers).		
Cooperative Weed Management Contact: John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	This cooperative weed management and education effort involving agencies and landowners in Moffat County, is being conducted with the assistance of the Colorado State University (CSU) Range Science Department and the CSU Cooperative Extension Service. Moffat County Pest Management in cooperation with federal, state and local partners is involved in nine cooperative weed management plans. Seven of the management plans are involved strictly with weed inventory, control, and monitoring efforts. Two of the partnerships are solely directed in education/awareness and prevention/detection programs.	Moffat County Colorado State University Range Science Department CSU Cooperative Extension Service BLM Colorado State Land Board Colorado Division of Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program Routt County Dinosaur National Monument Brown's Park National Wildlife Refuge ColoWyo Coal Texaco Over 41 permittees		

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Craig Interagency Dispatch Center <u>Contact:</u> Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	The mission of the Center is to provide safe, cost effective and timely support to wildfire suppression operations and other fire management operations within the Craig/Routt Fire Management Unit in northwest Colorado. The federal, state and county entities who support this center have either cooperative or mutual aid agreements which are signed annually in the Annual Operating Plan. The plan defines: each agencies' contribution to the Center in the way of staffing, equipment, money, etc.; initial attack responsibilities; and dispatch procedures.	BLM, Northwest Center U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest National Park Service, Dinosaur National Monument U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Browns Park and Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuges Colorado State Forest Service Moffat County Sheriff		
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Crow Canyon conducts educational programs in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument and at facilities north of Cortez. Every fourth grader in Montezuma County attends a day-long program at the Sand Canyon trailhead and Castle Rock Pueblo. Other programs are conducted at Sand Canyon Pueblo and Woods Canyon Pueblo. Each program emphasizes the culture and prehistory of the Four Corners region and the importance of cultural resources to our national heritage. Crow Canyon also conducts monitoring studies at Canyons of the Ancients sites. In addition, the Anasazi Heritage Center uses Crow Canyons' Native American Advisory Group for consultation and review of AHC interpretation and education products.			

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Dinosaur Diamond, Inc. <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	A partnership that is devoted to interpretation and preservation of fossil and archaeological resources in northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah. The partnership has a management plan for over 500 miles of highways, including the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Highway in Colorado and the Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway in Utah. The partnership works with the state transportation departments to develop interpretive locations on the highways as well as local museums and visitor facilities to enhance visitor education, enjoyment, and safety.	BLM National Park Service US Forest Service State agencies Counties and Towns in Colorado and Utah,		
Federal Leadership Forum <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The Federal Leadership Forum (FLF) convened in October of 1998 to address issues associated with the analysis of natural gas development and the affects of that development on other resources. The Forum comprises regional senior managers from the Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, and the National Park Service, with the Department of Energy acting in an advisory role. The FLF plays a primary role in addressing significant oil and gas resource management issues affecting member agencies, particularly issues associated with the NEPA process. The primary goal of the FLF is to establish a quality, predictable, consistent NEPA process for oil and gas development.			

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Four Corners Heritage Council <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	This long-standing partnership between the BLM and the Governors of the four corners states focuses on four major heritage issues; education, stewardship, tourism and trails. The Council has a strong dedication to building relationships and communication with Native American communities of interest in tourism development. The direct benefits to BLM have been increased on-the-ground presence, enhanced public appreciation for heritage resources, and stronger relationships with Native American governments and our local communities.			
Friends of Canyon Pintado <u>Contact:</u> Kent Walter 970.878.3601 White River Field Office	Organized in 1999, Friends of Canyon Pintado are volunteers from the towns of Rangely, Meeker, and other areas in Rio Blanco county in association with BLM and the Rangely Museum Society. Volunteers provide routine maintenance on BLM constructed trails, picnic areas, and interpretive sites within Canyon Pintado. Individual volunteers also guide rock art tours, greet visitors, and donate time, labor, supplies and equipment for maintaining visitor facilities.			
Garden Park Paleontology Society (GPPS) <u>Contact:</u> Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	This partnership between BLM, the Denver Museum of Natural History Department of Earth Sciences, and a group of local citizens was founded in 1988 to promote natural science and environmental education programs for all ages, with special emphasis on paleontology and the Garden Park Fossil Area near Canon City. In March of 1995, GPPS moved into the Dinosaur Depot, where they provide interpretive and educational programs for the public and are currently preparing an internationally significant Stegosaurus skeleton.			

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Geographic Coordinate Data Base in Delta County, Colorado <u>Contact:</u> Allan Belt 970.240.5300 Uncompahgre Field Office	Following the Western Governors Association's recommendation to create a common Public Land Survey System between agencies and levels of government, Delta County is collecting additional information to improve BLM's Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB) and the county Geographic Information System. Delta County has provided matching dollars and work months to do field work, office research, and integration of new data into GCDB. The BLM is developing a web site for easy entry of new control points by surveyors in Delta and from across the state. The BLM will readjust the GCDB after new information is collected. It has been proposed that this project and web site be used as a standard other counties and states could follow.			
Gold Belt Tour National Back Country Byway <u>Contact:</u> Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	Collaborative partnership whose activities resulted in the 131-mile Gold Belt Tour being designated as a National Back Country Byway and Colorado Scenic and Historic Byway in 1989, and a National Scenic Byway in 2000. In 1999, the Gold Belt Tour Scenic and Historic Byway Association, a not-for-profit organization, was formed to assume a leadership role in implementing the Corridor Management Plan and sustaining byway-related partnerships. Ongoing direction and policy for the maintenance of the byway, including interpretive activities, is provided by the partners.	The Byway is managed through a cooperative effort between the BLM, the National Park Service, the Colorado Department of Transportation (operating through the Governor's Scenic & Historic Byways Commission), the Counties of Teller and Fremont, and the communities of Victor, Cripple Creek, Florissant, Canon City and Florence.		

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Grand Junction Dispatch Center <u>Contact:</u> Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	The Grand Junction Air Center provides tactical aircraft resources (airtankers, smokejumpers, lead planes, and air attack) for initial attack and large incident support in western Colorado and eastern Utah, as well as supporting national requests for resources. The Grand Junction Interagency Dispatch Center provides incident support to the following interagency partners: Upper Colorado River Fire Management Unit, BLM's Grand Junction Field Office, White River National Forest, portions of the Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre, and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado National Monument, and Colorado State Forest Service.	Upper Colorado River Fire Management Unit BLM's Grand Junction Field Office White River National Forest portions of the Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre, and Gunnison National Forests Colorado National Monument Colorado State Forest Service		
Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) <u>Contact:</u> Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	GARNA assists in supporting the educational, interpretive and volunteer programs of the BLM, Colorado State Parks, Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands, Colorado State Parks, Colorado Division of Wildlife in the Arkansas Valley region. Friends of Fourmile, a citizens group has organized as a chapter associated with GARNA specifically to help with the planning, implementation and monitoring of the Fourmile Travel Management area.			
Gunnison County Pioneer and Historical Society <u>Contact:</u> Barry Tollefson 970.641.0471 Gunnison Field Office	BLM partners with this non-profit organization in order to preserve historic resources in the Gunnison Basin. Projects have been funded through grants from the Colorado State Historic Fund and the BLM. The biggest success of this partnership thus far has been the restoration and interpretation of Spencer School, a turn-of-the-century school house located in the ghost town of Spencer on public land between Lake City and Gunnison.	BLM Gunnison County Pioneer and Historical Society		

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Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA)/Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park <u>Contact:</u> Karen Tucker 970.240.5300 Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area	The Gunnison Gorge NCA and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park have combined funding, staff, and technical resources to provide more "seamless" management of the NCA and Park. Under an Interagency Agreement, the agencies have developed joint visitor services materials, shared law enforcement, research, GIS, field and office staff, and cooperatively managed their respective areas. The BLM currently administers recreation use on portions of the Park along the Gunnison River, while the NPS administers BLM grazing permits on its North Rim. These arrangements have resulted in more effective on-the-ground management, improved visitor services and information, permit compliance, and resource protection. The BLM, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Fish & Wildlife Service are also working jointly as members of the "Federal Family" on the Black Canyon's water right negotiation to ensure protection of public resources along the Gunnison River while also addressing private water rights and property concerns. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and BLM scientists are also working in partnership to share technical resources and provide resource information that supports sound management decisions. For example, the USGS is currently developing best management practices for mancos shale badlands and helping to deliver applied science to the NCA staff and public.			

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Gunnison Sage Grouse <u>Contact:</u> Barry Tollefson 970.641.0471 Gunnison Field Office	To restore the environment associated with the Gunnison Sage Grouse, currently listed as a candidate species, in the Gunnison Basin to prevent the species from being listed as endangered. Includes the BLM, Forest Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, private landowners, and conservation organizations cooperating through a conservation agreement.			
Habitat Partnership Program <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	Partnership which addresses big game conflicts with forage and fencing which arise between private, state, and federal landowners and ensures private land issues and habitat management are considered in big game management decisions.	Includes the BLM, Forest Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, private landowners, and sportsmen groups operating through the 16 local committees on the western slope.		
Hinsdale County Historical Society <u>Contact:</u> Barry Tollefson 970.641.0471 Gunnison Field Office	BLM partners with this nonprofit organization in order to coordinate management of historic structures along the Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway in southwestern Colorado. Projects have been funded through grants from the Colorado State Historic Fund, Save America's Treasures and BLM. These projects have helped preserve historic sites for future generations, provided for safe visits, and developed interpretive materials.			

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Inspections of Oil and Gas Properties Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	An agreement between the BLM and the COGCC allows the two agencies to share staff to accomplish inspections of oil and gas properties. In practice, COGCC performs some inspections for BLM in eastern Colorado where BLM has few staff, while BLM performs some inspections for COGCC on the western slope where they need assistance. There is another MOU with COGCC that allows BLM to place federal wells on the State's Emergency Response Fund priority list for plugging and abandonment operations. This agreement minimizes the number of unplugged or improperly plugged wells in Colorado.			
Kelly Place Partnership Contact: LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	BLM has worked with Kelly Place the last decade to stabilize and treat significant adobe ruins throughout the Sand Canyon Cultural Resource Emphasis Area, now within the boundaries of the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument. The projects enlist the support of Elderhostel volunteers and citizens throughout Colorado. These efforts have preserved numerous "at risk" archaeological sites and enhanced the educational values of visitors to the Monument.			
Kremmling Cretaceous Ammonite Research Program Contact: Linda Gross 970.724.3437 Kremmling Field Office	Partnership to study the unique paleoenvironmental conditions and paleontological resources in this nationally significant paleontological area. Programs are provided annually for the Grand County Historical Association, avocational volunteers from the Denver Museum and local Girl/Boy Scouts.	BLM Denver Museum of Natural History Scripps Institute University of Colorado Museum Southern Florida University		

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Lake Fork Watershed Working Group Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The Lake Fork Watershed Working Group is a community led group organized to address environmental concerns associated with the watershed. Lake Fork is eight miles long starting at the outflow of Turquoise Lake and ending with its confluence with the Arkansas River downstream from Leadville. The watershed is polluted with drainage from abandoned mines and leachates from mine wastes. The watershed is made up of private, state, and federal lands.	The group includes private landowners, citizen associations, mining companies, local, state, and federal agencies, and the Natural Resource Management Institute of the Colorado Mountain College who coordinate the group.		
Law Enforcement on Public Lands Contact: John Silence Special Agent in Charge 303.239.3803 Colorado State Office	BLM has agreements with Colorado County Sheriffs and the Colorado National Guard to locate and eradicate illegal drugs on public lands. The County Sheriffs and BLM also provide mutual law enforcement assistance, as needed.	Colorado County Sheriffs Colorado National Guard BLM		
Los Caminos Antiquos Scenic and Historic Byway Partnership Contact: Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	This partnership, established in 1991, has developed a management plan to promote and protect the cultural heritage of the San Luis Valley along the 129-mile byway in southcentral Colorado. The byway passes through the oldest settlements in Colorado. The partnership is currently seeking NPS National Heritage Designation status.	Partners include: Federal (BLM, USFS, NPS); state (CDOW); county commissioners, tourism boards, and chambers of commerce from the three affected counties [Conejos, Costilla, and Alamosa]; local governments; Fort Garland Museum; San Luis Museum and Cultural Center; Fort Garland Revitalization Committee; The Nature Conservancy; Friends of the Grand Sand Dunes, and private citizens.		

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McElmo Canyon Research Institute (MCRI) <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	MCRI conducts Elderhostel service programs in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Projects include stabilization of heavily visited sites in Sand Canyon and trail demarcation to route visitors away from sensitive middens and cultural features.			
Middle Park Paleolndian Program <u>Contact:</u> Linda Gross 970.724.3437 Kremmling Field Office	Partnership to study the earliest human use and occupation of the Rocky Mountains using innovative geophysical techniques. For the last 10 years, the university has conducted field schools for the training of archeology students and enlisted the support of local volunteers to assist in scientific research. As part of this partnership, local private landowners have enthusiastically assisted and supported the identification, study and protection of archaeological sites on their lands.	BLM University of Wyoming Colorado School of Mines		
Moffat County Visitor Center <u>Contact:</u> John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	A center to provide a convenient place for visitors to obtain information about the various recreation and tourism opportunities in the northwest Colorado.	The Craig Chamber of Commerce Colorado Division of Wildlife Routt/Medicine Bow National Forest Dinosaur National Monument Moffat County Lodging Tax Panel BLM		

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Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center Contact: Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	This Center provides fire support for BLM's Gunnison and Uncompahgre Field Offices, the Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests, and portions of Grand Mesa National Forest. Area of responsibility includes all BLM administered public lands and National Forests in Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties.			
Museum of Western Colorado Curation Partnership Contact: Mark Stiles 970.240.5300 Western Slope Center	This partnership provides for the long-term care and treatment of archaeological and paleontological collections and associated records from BLM land in northwest Colorado. The museum assures that the collections are suitably housed and treated for scientific study and public education. The materials are used for public interpretation through museum display. The BLM benefits by having a suitable regional repository for storing and interpreting museum property from public land.			

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Natural and Cultural Resources Consortium (NCRC) for the Colorado State Fair <u>Contact:</u> Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	The NCRC is a collaboration of agencies and organizations comprised of the state's premiere natural and cultural resource educators, managers, and researchers. These organizations partner to design and construct interactive, interpretive, and family-oriented exhibits in the 11,900 sq. ft. Natural and Cultural Resources Building at the Colorado State Fair. Each year, the Building is filled with murals, exhibits, scientific instruments, hands-on-activities, and numerous presentations. This year, approximately 1,600 elementary students from local schools also toured the exhibit and participated in the educational activities.	Colorado Division of Wildlife Colorado State Forest Service BLM Natural Resource Conservation Service Bureau of Reclamation National Park Service Colorado State Fair Colorado Springs Utilities U.S. Forest Service Colorado Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society Pueblo Board of Water Works Frontier Pathways Scenic Byway U.S. Geological Survey Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service El Pueblo Museum Colorado State Parks Colorado Division of Water Resources Colorado Water Conservation Board American Water Works Association.		
Northwest Colorado Sage Grouse Working Group <u>Contact:</u> John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	This group consists of several dozen agencies, groups and individuals working to develop and implement a conservation plan in order to protect sage grouse and their habitat in northwest Colorado. Their goal is to preclude the necessity of listing sage grouse as a threatened and endangered species.			

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Oil and Gas Conservation Program <u>Contact:</u> Cal Joyner 970.247.4874 San Juan Public Lands Center	The 3M project is a collaborative project between the BLM, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to undertake an aggressive comprehensive study of the Fruitland Coal Formation in the Colorado portion of the San Juan Basin. The 3M's refer to the main components of the study, geologic mapping, groundwater and outcrop monitoring, and reservoir modeling. The purpose is to monitor current environmental impacts related to groundwater and coal outcrop gassing, develop predictive models of where future impacts will occur, and identify potential mitigative measures	BLM Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Southern Ute Indian Tribe		
Owl Mountain <u>Contact:</u> Linda Gross 970.724.3437 Kremmling Field Office	Partnership created in 1993 to serve the economic, cultural and social needs of residents in Jackson County, Colorado, and portions of Carbon County, Wyoming, while developing long-term landscape management practices that assist in land health issues	Representatives on Steering Committee include Colorado State Lands, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State Forests, BLM, Colorado's Habitat Partnership Program, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, private landowners and the environmental community		
Public Lands Interpretive Association (PLIA) <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	PLIA manages the Anasazi Heritage Center museum shop, enhancing opportunities for visitors to learn about Four Corners culture and history. PLIA also assists with grant applications and administration; special projects in Canyons of the Ancients, brochure design, curricula development, exhibit receptions, and other interpretive projects.			

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Reclamation and Surface Management Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	The BLM and the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology (DMG) have prepared a surface management MOU to provide for more efficient mine permitting and inspection procedures. The DMG holds one reclamation bond as part of the MOU.			
Red Hill Council Contact: Ann Huebner 970.947.2800 Glenwood Springs Field Office	Public lands in the Red Hill area near Glenwood Springs provide an important "close to town" recreation area for local residents of the Roaring Fork valley. Demand to preserve Red Hill's unique recreational and aesthetic values, as well as address the associated impacts of the recreational use, have accelerated as the region prospers and grows. With this in mind, a group of concerned users and neighbors formed the Red Hill Council. The partnership set out to develop recommendations that would protect public lands managed by the BLM and minimize conflicts while continuing to provide for recreational use.	The collaborating partners included interested citizens, local businesses, adjacent landowners, the town of Carbondale, Garfield County, Aspen Glen development, Western Slope Consulting and the BLM.		

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Rio Blanco County Weed Partnership <u>Contact:</u> Kent Walter 970.878.3601 White River Field Office	In 1997, the Bureau of Land Management initiated a cooperative effort involving BLM, Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, White River Soil Conservation District, local businesses and individuals. The purpose of this partnership is to address noxious weed management within Rio Blanco county in northwestern Colorado. Noxious weed management is being pursued through three functions: education, inventory, and control. The partnership is active in noxious weed education by sponsoring brochures and calendars, booths, field trips and large scale control efforts. The partnership acts as a clearing house for documenting noxious weed locations and treatment efforts. It provides information, loans spray equipment and provides funding to defray expenses for private landowners. The partnership is involved with the Curtis Creek project which is using biological control, leafy spurge flea beetles, angora goats, along with chemical control to determine the best management practices for leafy spurge control.			

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Rural fire Assistance <u>Contact:</u> Brian Bernard Deputy State Director, Support Services 303.239.3957 Colorado State Office	A partnership between Colorado BLM and the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) was developed to transfer funds, designated through the Rural Fire Assistance program, to local Colorado fire districts. In 2001, \$550,000 was transferred to the CSFS and distributed to 102 local fire districts in 38 counties, after they developed and provided a plan that described how the money would be utilized. A maximum of \$20,000 was allocated to any one fire district. BLM worked directly with CSFS to validate plans as well as provide technical expertise where needed to accomplish the fire district's plan. An additional \$60,000 will be distributed by CSFS by 2002. By allocating the BLM monies through CSFS, it allowed CSFS to distribute their funds to more fire districts in eastern Colorado thus helping all rural fire districts within the State of Colorado.	BLM Colorado State Forest Service		
San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) <u>Contact:</u> Cal Joyner 970.247.4874 San Juan Public Lands Center	The SJMA manages the gift shop and information services at the San Juan Public Lands Center and the Dolores and Pagosa Field Offices. In addition, the SJMA provides interpretive services, a volunteer clearinghouse, and a cultural site stewardship. The SJMA also serves the San Juan National Forest. In FY 2001, for a \$95,000 federal investment, the SJMA yielded over \$700,000 of in-kind value.			

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San Juan Skyway <u>Contact:</u> Cal Joyner 970.247.4874 San Juan Public Lands Center	The San Juan Skyway was the first of 21 Scenic and Historic Byways in Colorado, and is one of six All American Roads. Coordination is ongoing with communities along the Skyway to improve the area's natural resources, preserve, document, and interpret its history, and enhance recreational opportunities.	Partners include Colorado Department of Transportation, Fort Lewis College, Forest Service, San Miguel and Ouray counties, cities of Ridgway, Telluride, and Ouray.		
San Luis Valley Archaeological Network <u>Contact:</u> Jim Rhett 719.274.8971 LaJara Field Office	This partnership with local avocational organizations and county historical societies focuses on the protection and preservation of the cultural heritage in the Valley. Members of the network assist BLM cultural specialists with recording cultural sites, monitoring and preserving rock art, and providing educational opportunities for local students to participate in archaeological activities.			

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San Luis Valley Focus Area Committee <u>Contact:</u> Jim Rhett 719.274.8971 LaJara Field Office	Established in 1990, the San Luis Valley Focus Area Committee is a partnership that coordinates wetlands protection and restoration activities in the valley. The San Luis Valley is the largest inter-mountain valley in the Western U.S. The valley, a rich and diverse wetlands of international importance to migratory birds and other wetlands wildlife, is among the most productive breeding habitats in North America for several duck and colonial wading bird species. In 1998, they were awarded a North American Wetlands Conservation Association (NAWCA) grant for \$1,000,000. In September 2000, the San Luis Valley Community Wetlands Strategy was prepared by this committee in cooperation with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program.	Ducks Unlimited Colorado Division of Wildlife The Nature Conservancy American Farmland Trust Rio Grande Headwaters Trust Rio Grande Water Conservation District Colorado Cattlemen's Association San Luis Valley Cattlemen's Association Rio Grande Soil Conservation District Alamosa County Commissioners Alamosa River Project Audubon Society National Wild Turkey Federation private landowners U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Colorado BLM National Park Service Natural Resources Conservation Service Bureau of Reclamation		
San Miguel Living Classrooms Project <u>Contact:</u> Allan Belt 970.240.5300 Uncompahgre Field Office	Four areas in the San Miguel watershed (two are on public land) are designated living classrooms. These outdoor classrooms provide the area's students with educational opportunities geared to science and natural resources. The project emphasizes the watershed's unique biological resources and encourages hands on learning. Students learn about wildlife and riparian habitat and conduct basic monitoring at sites along the San Miguel River over the school year.	The Telluride Institute Telluride School District West End School District San Miguel Watershed Coalition Norwood School District BLM		

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San Miquel Watershed Partnership Contact: Allan Belt 970.240.5300 Uncompahgre Field Office	A forum of private, local, state, and federal entities working to leverage resources to improve the San Miquel Watershed resources--riparian communities, water flow and quality, wildlife habitat, protection of scenic, cultural, and historical values, and enhancement of recreational opportunities. A final watershed management plan was published in 1997.			
Save America's Treasures Contact: LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Save America's Treasures is a national White House initiative co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This program is supporting a three-year Anasazi Heritage Center project to retrieve and preserve collections from public lands currently stored in facilities with poor security, climate control, and access. Many of these collections are still in original packing materials that can damage collections. Ten threatened collections have been retrieved and backlog AHC collections have been repackaged. Data on all collections is being entered into the AHC's collections data management system.			

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Service First <u>Contact:</u> Doug Koza Associate State Director 303.239.3700 Colorado State Office	BLM Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service, developed a joint strategy to help meet the management demands of the public lands and forests and better serve the public. The agencies have worked collaboratively to effectively manage an intertwined and interdependent land and resource base. Neither BLM nor the Forest Service possess an entire compliment of needed skills or resources locally, but together the agencies jointly meet the demands of the public and leverage budget capabilities. This ongoing "one-stop-shopping" approach combines the best of each agency and capitalizes on re-engineering public lands management that makes good business sense. Agency offices throughout Colorado are collocating; sharing scarce skills (e.g., archaeologist, geologists, range conservationists, volunteer coordinators), equipment, vehicles, and supplies; offering single permits for firewood and Christmas tree cutting; recreation and grazing permits; and consolidating into six regional fire dispatch centers.	The following field offices have a BLM/Forest Service manager: San Juan Public Lands Center, Durango; Dolores, Pagosa and Columbine Field Office/Ranger Districts; Saguache; and Lajara.		
Southwest Colorado Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP) <u>Contact:</u> LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	The Southwest Colorado Cultural Site Stewardship Program is a regional organization of volunteers supported by local communities, businesses, and the tribal and public land management agencies in the southwest corner of Colorado. The mission of CSSP is to: (1) assist in halting damage by vandals to cultural resources; and (2) significantly reduce damage done by visitation by educating the public how to respect and protect all cultural resources.			

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Teaching Environmental Science Naturally (T.E.N.) Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	This partnership focuses on providing training and resource materials to K through 12 teachers using nationally recognized curricula (Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET) and outdoor classrooms on public lands. Several teacher training courses are offered each summer across the state. These courses meet Colorado Department of Education requirements and are also offered for graduate credit.	Colorado Division of Wildlife, BLM, Forest Service, Colorado State Parks, Colorado State Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pueblo Zoo, and numerous school districts cooperate in this program.		
Trail of the Ancients Byway Contact: LouAnn Jacobson 970.882.4811 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Along this 114-mile route in southwestern Colorado are Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and rock drawings. The byway travels through Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument, and Mesa Verde National Park, which all contain dense clusters of Ancestral Puebloan sites. BLM's Anasazi Heritage Center located outside of Dolores, is the headquarters for the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument and offers extensive background and interpretive information. One branch of the byway leads to the Four Corners Area, connecting to Utah's Trail of the Ancients byway.	BLM NPS		

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Uncompahgre Project (UP) Contact: Allan Belt 970.240.5300 Uncompahgre Field Office	Their mission is to prioritize, prepare, implement, fund, monitor, and evaluate landscape goals and objectives contained within a 5-year vegetative management project. The UP consists of approximately 1.5 million acres. Goals of this partnership include: (1) encourage healthy land use practices by private landowners on the UP to improve landscape function and health, and (2) increase awareness of the general public regarding the value and benefits of landscape management.	Colorado Division of Wildlife Public Land Partnership in Montrose Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, and Mesa Counties Colorado Habitat Partnership Program Mule Deer Foundation Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation BLM U.S. Forest Service Private landowners		
Uncompahgre Riverway Trail Organization Contact: Allan Belt 970.240.5300 Uncompahgre Field Office	This is an on-going collaboration with local partners to develop a trail system from Montrose to Ridgeway. The Uncompahgre Riverway Organization coordinates the overall project.	Colorado Department of Transportation Town of Ridgeway Ouray County Ridgeway State Park Colorado Division of Wildlife Private citizens BLM		
Upper Arkansas Regional Weed Management Cooperative Contact: Roy Masinton 719.269.8500 Front Range Center	The group works cooperatively to do noxious weed mapping, weed treatment, weed education/awareness, and grant applications across jurisdictional and ownership boundaries.	BLM U.S. Forest Service State Land Board Eight county governments		

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Water Quality Partnership <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	BLM has a very successful partnership with the Colorado Water Quality Division for the control of nonpoint source pollution. This progressive federal-state relationship for water quality was initiated through a MOU in 1991.	BLM Colorado Water Quality Division		
Western State College <u>Contact:</u> Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	BLM partners with Western State College in order to provide hands-on research opportunities for volunteers, educators, and students, including archaeological internships for Ute High School students. Current efforts have focused on the archaeological excavations at the Chance Gulch Paleoindian Site. After three seasons of field work, this site has provided important information on the earliest inhabitants in the Gunnison Basin.	BLM Western State College		

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Wonderful Outdoor World Contact: Dave Strunk Acting Deputy State Director, Resource Services 303.239.3745 Colorado State Office	A partnership program designed to introduce urban youth, ages 8-10, to the wonders of outdoor recreation and environmental education. The partnerships include local, state and federal agencies as well as private direct service providers.	Denver Parks and Recreation Denver Kids, Inc. Colorado Division of Natural Resources-YNR African American Leadership Institute Concerned Citizens About Minorities in Aurora AmeriCorps - Commerce City, Lafayette I Have a Dream Foundation, Boulder Denver Housing Authority Youth Programs EarthForce US Forest Service Denver Zoo Denver Urban Gardens Colorado State Parks		
Yampa River System Legacy Project Contact: John Husband 970-826-5000 Little Snake Field Office	Partnership created to: (1) conserve Yampa River System and surrounding lands using voluntary acquisition, easements, and other techniques; (2) explore and develop techniques to integrate and manage public recreation facilities; and (3) improve coordination of recreation in the river system. A key component of this partnership is an interagency agreement whereby State Parks manages all public recreational access points to the Yampa River between Steamboat Springs and Dinosaur National Monument regardless of ownership (federal, state and private). This ensures consistent management of visitor use and public information for river users. State Parks and BLM coordinate closely to ensure that management of recreation use along BLM reaches of the river are consistent with the Little Snake RMP and activity plans.	Includes local governments, federal and state land management agencies (including State Parks, Colorado Division of Wildlife, and BLM), and private sector tourism and business interests.		

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America's Outdoors: Center for Conservation, Education, and Recreation Contact: Martha Malik AO Coordinator (414) 297-1236 Jim Dryden Field Manager (414) 297-4450	America's Outdoors is a multi-federal agency center which effectively matches the recreation, environmental education and conservation needs of the public with the available resources and programs of the partner agencies.	USDI - BLM, NPS, F&WS, USDA - USFS, NRCS	America's Outdoors is recognized as a source of information and assistance on the value of public lands, federal land recreation information, environmental education, and conservation projects. AO has established relationships with and assisted three neighborhoods to identify their needs in environmental education, recreation and conservation assistance projects aimed at increasing the environmental awareness of it's residents and improvements in the quality of the neighborhood's natural environment. Neighborhood-wide nature-based events occur throughout the year. The neighborhoods now exhibit marked changes in the attitudes in terms of value, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural environment.	National Urban Tree House Program: Goal - to ensure the long term preservation of Lynden Hill as an open green space, lead facilitating, administering and seeking funding for diverse programming at Lynden Hill (promote sustainable "green" practices and a land stewardship ethic through environmental education and performance and visual art. Participants include local schools and other youth-serving organizations. BLM facilitated the development of a Friends of Lynden Hill organization. BLM provided "seed" money for on the ground coordinator. BLM assisted in preparing grants and the "Friends" group is now fully self sufficient with private funds. Rural Conservation and Development: America's Outdoors, National Park Service partnering agency has accomplished the task of protecting open space in rural areas by assisting local citizens with technical guidance with creating and offering assistance with the development of conservation projects such as creating a trail along a river way or in their local community. Such projects include Chippewa River Hydro power Settlement Agreement (WI), allowing staff to define resource issue, goals, studies, land protection tools and negotiations on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensings of (3) hydro power projects and amendments to (3) other hydro power project licenses. Benefits derived include over 2,500 acres of project land protected. Also provided coordination on the Menominee River Water Trail (WI/MI) on the development of a 50-mile water trail on Wisconsin Electric Lands. Project Archaeology: America's Outdoors has established an MOU with the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center for the purpose of developing, facilitating, a Project Archaeology Teacher's Workshop in the City of Milwaukee and developing an educational trunk. Continued efforts in sponsoring workshops and trunks will enhance the teaching of Wisconsin Archaeology in public and private sponsoring workshops and trunks will enhance the teaching of Wisconsin Archaeology in public and private schools. Betty Brinn Children's Museum: America's Outdoors has been successful in creating a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a foundation to work together

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Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) Contact: Terry Lewis (703) 440-1713	ELRC was formed in 1983 to provide a forum for enhancing land stewardship and conservation, and to promote sound policies for and practices among those involved in managing and administering public lands, records and natural resources.	Land Commissioners and heads of State Departments of Natural Resources from 18 eastern states. States represented: AL, AR, FL, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, TN, TX, VT, VA, WI. Federal Members: BLM, USF&WS, BIA, NPS, FS-USDA.	This partnership provides BLM with the opportunity to work with land managers from many states in a single organizational setting; to discuss national, regional, and local issues; and to work together to develop sound cooperative public land management policies.	on issues of common interest in the area of environmental education. The Bureau of Land Management provides a Geologist to staff and portray Ms. Frizzle at the "The Magic School Bus Exhibit, "Inside the Earth", a geological exhibit. The Geologist leads hands-on activities with fossil samples by use of a microscope. Nearly 4,000 youth are reached during the time frame for this special exhibit. Enhances communication between BLM and state governments in the eastern United States. Provides key contacts in state land management agencies. Facilitates the sharing of knowledge and experiences of resources managers and contributes to professional growth. Annual joint conference with WSLCA in Washington, DC provides an excellent opportunity for Secretary, DOI, and Director, BLM to address and interact with members.
Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy: contact Neil White. Contact: Faye Winters	The Jackson Field Office is finalizing an assistance agreement with Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy to provide realistic inventory and monitoring field studies for students specifically interested in natural resource careers. Students are being provided with study designs and assistance in acquiring the field equipment they will need for monitoring and inventory studies at the Jupiter Inlet Natural Area in northern Palm Beach County, Florida.	Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy BLM	The students are learning about conservation on public lands. In addition, by working with BLM, they are introduced to our agency and they may possibly be a future workforce.	new project.

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Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop Contact: Shayne Banks	The purpose of this agreement is to provide educational opportunities for minority under-privileged youth. They are able to get hands on experience with wild horses.		In addition to getting some of these youth off of the streets, we are able to introduce them to natural resource fields of study.	We are potentially looking at picking up a SCEP student from the mustang troop to work in the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program.
Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP) Contact: Chris Hanson (414) 297-4421	Facilitate the permanent and expeditious transfer of historic Coast Guard lighthouses in Michigan to local governmental and non-profit entities. Provide a coordinated inter-agency approach to eliminate bureaucratic and legislative barriers to transfer. The BLM uses the authority under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to transfer these properties to State & local governments or non-profit organizations.	U.S. Coast Guard BLM General Services Administration State of Michigan (DNR, DEQ, SHPO, et al) National Park Service Senators Levin (D) and Strabenow (D) The Nature Conservancy Michigan Historic Preservation Network National Trust for Historic Preservation Great Lakes Lighthouse Keeper's Assn.	The Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP) was initiated in August, 1999 to facilitate the transfer of approximately 77 lighthouses in the State of Michigan that had been identified by the U.S. Coast Guard for disposal. It was apparent that the transfer of this large number of Federal properties to State/Local governments and non-profit organizations was an enormous effort requiring a coordinated approach between the administrative, regulatory, legislative levels at the State and National levels. A high degree of communication and coordination would be necessary to identify and overcome legislative barriers to transfer and to establish priorities to insure timely transfer to prevent further deterioration of these historic maritime properties. The objectives of the MLP are to facilitate transfer (expedite transfers, resolve conflicts, promote legislation, identify potential stewards, inform and assist (serve as clearinghouse, provide technical assistance, identify funding sources, sponsor workshops, maintain website) and to advocate & promote (single point of contact, establish partnerships with other entities, disseminate information, information, enhance tourism) lighthouse issues.	The Michigan Lighthouse Project played a significant role in initiating and passing legislation including the (1) National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 which created a level playing field for both State/Local governments and non-profit organizations to acquire lighthouse properties and to insure that the most qualified entity would acquire the property and (2) a bill currently in the Michigan Legislature (S. 795) to authorize the transfer of "bottomlands" in the Great Lakes with the lighthouse properties. The MLP has sponsored a Great Lakes Lighthouse Workshop in Mackinaw City, MI in 2001 which was attended by approximately 150 organizations and individuals interested in lighthouse transfers and restoration. Of the 77 lighthouse properties identified by the Coast Guard for disposal in Michigan, 18 of them lie on withdrawn public domain lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Of those 18 properties, 4 have been transferred out of Federal ownership, 1 was transferred to NPS, 3 have been referred to GSA for disposal, and 3 are pending transfer in FY 2002. Of the remaining 7, partners have been identified for 6 properties. The MLP has both a Planning Committee (meets quarterly) and a Steering Committee (meets monthly) which the BLM attends. This is the venue for open and frank collaboration which has resulted in a high degree of communication resulting in a more efficient transfer process.

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Mississippi Natural Science Museum <u>Contact:</u> Faye Winters	The purpose of this partnership was to create an informational, interactive fire exhibit for the new multi-million dollar museum in Jackson, MS.		This partnership is exemplary because tens of thousands of young people will walk through the museum annually and will be educated about fire and the importance of fire to ecosystems.	
Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management <u>Contact:</u> Faye Winters	Eighty six acres surrounding the picturesque Jupiter lighthouse in northern Palm Beach County, Florida reverted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in July, 1996, after over 100 years of use by the U.S. Coast Guard. The BLM is now working with Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, the South Florida Water Management District and other local partners to manage this urban "island" of scrub, mangrove, and hardwood tropical hammock. This tract is the fourth largest Florida scrub tract remaining in the County.		Sensitive vegetation communities and the presence of 18 special status species prompted designation of the northern 54 acres of the tract as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern in 1996, a first for BLM in the east. A plan was developed with public input to guide management of the tract for the next ten years. In the upland scrub, this included the reintroduction of fire, an important element for many of the scrub-dependent special status plants. It also included an aggressive exotic species removal program.	
Piney Woods School <u>Contact:</u> Patrice Junius	The purpose of this partnership is multifaceted. BLM works with the school to help provide natural resource curriculum to the school's classes. For example: creating a Geology Club and supporting the annual Envirathon Competition. This partnership has also provided our office a place to house some wild horses and burros.		This partnership is exemplary because the youth at this school are all minorities and we are able to expose them to fields of study that they may not normally be exposed to. They are also given the chance to work with wild horses and burros on the farm.	Two SCEP students have been successfully placed in full time employment that graduated from Piney Woods. We have a small holding facility for wild horses and burros.

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The D.C. Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) Program <u>Contact:</u> Charles Bush Executive Director (703) 440-1745 Marcella Davis Program Assistant (703) 440-1738	To offer a unique outdoor camping experience to metropolitan urban youth between the ages of 8-12. This experience helps educate and challenge them to confront new outdoor experiences, to learn about their role in and relationship to the greater urban ecosystem, and installs in them a growing awareness of youth stewardship throughout the greater metropolitan area. The program grew out of partnerships between federal, municipal, and not-for-profit agencies.	Key members are the USDI BLM Washington and Eastern States Offices, American Recreation Coalition, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, Student Conservation Association, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA FS Youth Coordinator, National Level, National Park Service, USFWS National Wildlife Refuge System, and Greater Washington Urban League.	The partners saw the need to provide opportunities for these urban youth to learn about and participate in environmental outdoor experiences and themes. In addition, the partners saw the need to bridge the urban-nature gap in a manner that would leave these youth with lessons that are both useful and relevant to their every day lives and environment.	The D.C. Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) Program has reached over 5,000 mostly city-bound youth with its array of community campouts, special activities and events, and community base programming. For its outstanding work, D.C. WOW was a recipient of the Department of the Interior's 2001 Environmental Achievement Award. The National WOW Program, of which D.C. WOW is a member, was honored with the Award of Excellence in the 2001 Associations Advance America (AAA) Awards program, sponsored by the American Society of Executives (ASAE).

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Craters of the Moon National Monument (National Landscape Conservation System) Contact: Richard VanderVoet (208) 886-7288 Upper Snake River District	Joint management of expanded National Monument, including creation of a General/Resource Management Plan.	BLM National Park Service	Exemplary partnership. This is perhaps the most unique of the newly expanded or created National Monuments in that it requires the joint management of three BLM Field Offices and a National Park Service unit.	The Monument was expanded by Executive Order in November 2000 from 54,000 acres to more than 750,000 acres. With the expansion, several key geologic features shifted in management from the BLM to the National Park Service, including the Great Rift Lava Flow and the Wapi Flow. The expansion allows several traditional uses under BLM management to continue (grazing, recreation, etc.). These uses provide new management considerations for the National Park Service. Both agencies have met to establish interim management guidelines, and scoping meetings for the Management Plan will begin in several Idaho communities in March, 2002. Montana
Idaho Recreation/Tourism Initiative Contact: Kay Schiepan (208) 373-3825 Idaho State Office	A coalition of State and federal agencies and local and private groups and organizations dedicated to providing Idaho citizens and visitors with expanded and enhanced recreation information and opportunities.	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Idaho Department of Fish & Game Idaho Department of Commerce Idaho Transportation Department BLM National Park Service U.S. Forest Service Bureau of Reclamation Other Public and Private Partners for Various Projects	Exemplary partnership: Idaho has many recreation providers, from federal agencies to local vendors, which can be confusing to the public. By working jointly on both Statewide and local projects, the coalition has initiated and continues to effectively produce seamless, one-stop recreation information and services that are making Idaho a more attractive place for outdoor recreationists.	The accomplishments are many. Here are a few recent examples: VIP (Visit Idaho Playgrounds) pass. ATV and Hunting brochure. ATV/Motorbike survey. Annual Update of Idaho Campground Directory. Statewide Free Fishing Day. Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation/Tourism. Maintenance of current agency recreation information on the Internet. 1-800 phone number and other systems. Manage and update the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Maintain current Statewide Recreation/Tourism Data Base. Reprinting of State Scenic Byways brochure. Taking the Scenic Route. Support for an environmental education conference focused on Statewide development and coordination of environmental education programs.

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Land and Water Conservation Fund - Acquisitions and Easements on the South Fork of the Snake River <u>Contact:</u> Karen Rice (208) 524-7549 Upper Snake River District	Using money appropriated by Congress from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the BLM has acquired fee title or easements from willing land owners for lands adjacent to the South Fork of the Snake River.	BLM The Nature Conservancy Teton Regional Land Trust Conservation Fund	Exemplary partnership: This partnership effort is the only one in the nation that uses the services of three conservation organizations to facilitate the purchases of land or easements. The purchases are made from willing land owners who wish to see the ecosystem preserved and protected from development.	In FY 2001, Congress appropriated about \$2.5 million for LWCF acquisitions on the South Fork. Additional easements are presently being negotiated. The project has been ongoing for the past several years. Additional partners in related projects on the South Fork have included the Idaho Department of Fish & Game, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and the Department of Energy's Bonneville Power Administration.
Multi-Agency Law Enforcement/Investigative Task Force <u>Contact:</u> David A. Sempsrott (208) 373-4023 Idaho Law Enforcement	Public and Employee Safety Good Neighbor partnerships with local law enforcement.	Special Agent in Charge BLM Idaho U.S. Attorney's Office Idaho State Police County Sheriff's Office - Idaho Chiefs of Police - Idaho	he partnership, in the form of multi-agency investigate task forces, provides seamless law enforcement to resource/land managers and has greatly enhanced the safety and security of public land users and BLM employees in Idaho. It has also enabled BLM and their law enforcement partners to accomplish more with limited resources. The partnership has helped to increase public awareness of resource protection issues as well as the BLM mission to promote the health and diversity of public lands. Further, BLM law enforcement Officer's are viewed as partners rather than federal interlopers.	One investigative task force, led by BLM Idaho involved more than a dozen different state and local law enforcement agencies in Idaho. Two Boise residents were recently arrested and charged in connection with a wildfire fire by the task force after a seven month long investigation. A second investigation task force, led by BLM Idaho involved representatives from six different state, county and city law enforcement agencies in Idaho. Two Ada County residents were arrested and charged in connection with a series of burglaries to BLM fire vehicles and facilities. The investigation, which spanned a four month period, resulted in the recovery of \$30,000 worth of stolen BLM property. A third investigative task force comprised of eight different state, county and city law enforcement agencies is engaged in a sensitive investigation targeting large scale chemists and financiers operating clandestine methamphetamine laboratories on public lands in Idaho. This investigation has been ongoing for twelve months. Several large scale methamphetamine laboratory operations have been identified and targeted.

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Panhandle Level 2 Team (Endangered Species Act) Contact: Fritz Rennebaum (208) 769-5001 Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District	To enhance and streamline ESA consultation activities/processes	Panhandle Forest Supervisor-Ranotta McNair Upper Columbia F&WS Office Supervisor-Susan Martin BLM UCSC District Manager-Fritz Rennebaum	Exemplary partnership: The partnership was recently formed to enhance ESA streamlining activities and processes. It encourages an interagency 4 C's process for these decisions makers, as well as promoting the same with their Level 1 (technical) staff	The Level 2 Team has just been established. One meeting has taken place in which protocols were established and decisions made on the type of issues to be highlighted. A joint Level 1/Level 2 meeting is planned in the immediate future.
Sacajawea Interpretive Cultural and Education Center Committee Contact: Dave Krosting (208) 756-5410 Salmon Field Office	To cooperatively plan, fund, build and operate the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center in the birthplace and homeland of Sacajawea, around present day Salmon, Idaho.	Idaho Congressional Delegation Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Trail Committee Lemhi Shoshone Indian Tribe The City of Salmon Sacajawea Interpretive & Education Center, Inc Executive Board of the Lemhi County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee Idaho Department of Lands Department of Housing and Urban Development BLM US Forest Service Other Partners	Exemplary partnership: This will be the first interpretive facility in the nation in honor of the Lemhi Shoshone woman who played such a crucial role in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Sacajawea Center will be a lasting commemoration to Sacajawea and an opportunity to foster greater unity among diverse cultures. This project would not have been possible without the assistance of the partnering organizations and the cooperation from federal, tribal, state, and local entities. The 71-acre site, located just east of Salmon on Highway 28, is very near the location where the Lewis and Clark Expedition crossed the Lemhi River to begin their overland travel along the Salmon River. It is predicted the facility will draw international historians and will help draw attention to the historic trail. The property includes a residence that will be used for administrative Office,s and other outbuildings that can be used for future projects. The north side of the property, including the Lemhi River, grasslands, and riparian habitat will provide opportunities for historic interpretation, conservation, recreation, and wildlife projects.	Official documents were signed by the City of Salmon September 24, 2001, completing the purchase of the property for the Interpretive Center. In FY 2001, \$997,800 were procured from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for land acquisition and construction of the Center. Priority projects for this year include construction of the Visitor Center and Gift Shop, landscaping and public access. The remaining planned projects would be completed next spring with the construction of visitor facilities, outdoor amphitheater, the Sacajawea Gateway Grove, indoor and outdoor interpretive exhibits, and construction of interpretive trails. The planned grand opening of the Center is tentatively scheduled for July 2002.

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Tri-State Demonstration Weed Management Area Contact: Lynn Danly (208)-962-3797 Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District	The Tri-State Demonstration Area, one of four initiated by Idaho BLM, is intended to highlight what can be accomplished through cooperative efforts and partnerships.	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Washington Department of Natural Resources Idaho Department of Fish and Game Nez Perce Tribe Idaho Department of Lands BLM Baker Resource Area BLM Cottonwood Field Office Hells' Canyon National Recreation Area Wallowa-Whitman U.S.D.A. Forest Service Four County Weed Office's The Nature Conservancy University of Idaho Private Landowners	Exemplary partnership: The Tri-State Demonstration Area encompasses portions of three states in the Hell's Canyon area, which is known for its tremendous variety in wildlife, native plants and unique plant communities. Tremendous cooperation and support have occurred. The Tri-State project proved an interesting challenge, with inclusion of areas already infested with yellow star thistle, areas under threat of infestation, and the administrative challenges of coordinating integrated weed management activities in four counties, three states, and involving a myriad of federal, state, tribal, local and private interests. The knowledge gained from this effort is significant and is being used to provide guidance in the development of other weed management areas.	Coordinated projects between cooperators share resources and knowledge to accomplish much more than could be done separately. Annual field work weeks have been established where cooperators assist each other in accomplishing work. Great success has occurred in establishment of biological control nursery sites for yellow star thistle insects. Work parties collect and distribute insects to other parts of the Weed Management Area and to private landowners outside the area. Cooperators have: 1) developed a strategy for limiting expansion of existing yellow star thistle populations; 2) have implemented vegetation rehabilitation, and; 3) have significantly expanded biological control efforts through on-the-ground partnerships and cooperative projects. By aggressively attacking new invasive weed species, cooperators have: Reduced spotted knapweed along the ten-mile Eagle Creek travel corridor from over 500 locations to 3. Reduced Russian knapweed from 7 solid acres to 20 individual plants. Eradicated 2 of 5 populations of leafy spurge with significant reduction of the remaining 3. Overall, monitoring of biocontrol damage is showing significant reduction in the seed production of weeds. A two-day cooperative biocontrol effort resulted in the collection of over 7,000 insects, which translates to a total worth of approximately \$10,000 and 50 new release sites.

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Beaverhead and Madison Counties Cooperative Weed Management Agreements with the Dillon Field Office Contact: John Simons Dillon Field Office	Share resources and funding for the management and of noxious weeds on and around public lands.	Beaverhead County Weed Control District Madison County Weed Control District BLM Dillon Field Office	This agreement has been in place for over 15 years and has been exemplary for the development of agreements with other counties. Many other counties look on the work in southwest Montana as an exemplary example.	The noxious weed program has been able to grow without staff and equipment increases thereby allowing additional funding to be applied to the ground.
Beaverhead County Interagency Coordinating Committee Contact: Scott Powers Dillon Field Office	Purpose of the MOU is to promote communication and coordination of agencies with statutory authority to manage natural resources that influence Beaverhead County.	MT Dept. Fish Wildlife and Parks MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation USDI Natural Resources and Conservation Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests National Park Service - Big Hole Battle Field Beaverhead County Conservation District USDI Fish and Wildlife Service - Red Rock Refuge Beaverhead County Commission BLM Dillon Field Office	Parties recognize their authorities are distinctly different. However, they recognize the need for better coordination with each other and to share a broader vision of how their coordination and efforts can contribute to land use planning and resource management.	Developed a joint landscape analysis for the Gravelly Range in Madison and Beaverhead County's. The analysis describes existing resources including social and economic conditions, developed goals for future management and identified management opportunities. Coordinated approach to weed control.
Belle Eldridge Mine Remediation Project Contact: Patrick Gubbins South Dakota Field Manager	The purpose of the assistant agreement with the colleges was to study the mine adit discharge and receive some recommendations on how to remediate the hazard. DENRC had the overall approval responsibility for the remediation plan and BLM had the managerial responsibility.	BLM South Dakota Field Office South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources South Dakota School of Mines Colorado School of Mines Lawrence County Commissioners adjacent land owners	In 1998 Governor Janklow of South Dakota nominated the site as one of the most contaminated abandoned mine sites in South Dakota for the Western Governors Association Dirty Thirty list. This partnership is exemplary because all of the partners willingly shared their expertise and took a team approach in rectifying a hazardous materials site.	This project demonstrates how the Secretary of Interiors four Cs work in dealing with a health and safety project. All of the partners are satisfied with the process and results of the clean-up project.

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Big Sky Byway: Communities of Terry, Circle, and Wolf Point Contact: Ladd Coates Miles City Field Office	Implementation of the Big Sky Byway.	Community members of Terry, Circle and Wolf Point	Participation in the Lewis and Clark Initiative.	Designation of the Big Sky Byway.
Blackfoot Challenge Contact: Nancy Anderson George Hirschenberger Missoula Field Office	.to coordinate efforts that will enhance, conserve and protect the natural resources and rural lifestyle of the Blackfootfor present and future generations.	Six local landowners and conservation district reps, six federal and state land managers, one county official and a corporate timber manager sit on the board.	This effort has its roots in the mid-1970's and was named and formally chartered in 1993. BLM's was a co-founder of the group that has served as an example for other such watershed initiatives in MT. This group has many successes and strong local support.	Education and Outreach: Numerous workshops and field days for local landowners covering water quality, weed management, alternative and sustainable agricultural practices, T & E Species efforts and conservation easements. Weed Management: A BLM initiated public-private partnership over the past 7 years has formed nine weed management areas and tied the efforts of three counties together. Habitat Restoration: Projects funded by T.U., D.U., BLM,USFWS, MTFWP, USFS and others include 300 miles of fish barriers removed, 83 miles of stream restoration, 4,400 acres of wetland/grassland restoration, etc. Conservation Easements: two agencies and three NGO's now hold over 60,000 acres in conservation easements with many owners working toward future easements.
Blackfoot Recreation Steering Committee Contact: Dick Fichtler Missoula Field Office	Cooperative management of the Blackfoot River.	USFS Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Montana Department of Natural Resource Conservation University of Montana Ranchers Outfitters General public	Provides input to public agencies on cohesive management of the Blackfoot River.	All the state and federal agencies are working together to implement a common management strategy across jurisdictional boundaries. Public members provide key input and direction to this effort.

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Blaine County drought advisory group (this group has no title or formal recognition_ but has been fo <u>Contact:</u> Owen Billingsley Havre Field Office	Assist government agencies and livestock operators to cope with the 4th drought year to conserve and protect family ranching operations, land resources, and future grazing opportunities	BLM County Commissioners FSA Grazing District Ranchers.	We are meeting monthly to share information about the drought conditions, actions being taken by grazers to compensate, actions being taken by BLM and USDA agencies to respond, and to explore opportunities for local influence on the sections.	At this point, there are not measurable accomplishments - the regular discussions and information sharing are valuable in themselves to help maintain trust and BLM credibility through a very difficult time for both land managers and land users.
Christenot Mill Preservation Association <u>Contact:</u> Mark Sant Dillon Field Office	Assist in the stabilization, preservation, and interpretation of the historic Christenot Mill; contribute to the listing of the Christenot Mill and Union City on the National Register of Historic Places.		Christenot family traced family history to Union city and mill site. Formulated the Christenot Mill Preservation Association to assist the BLM with stabilization and preservation efforts. Provide matching funds and labor for a Cultural Resource Program challenge cost-share project.	Group compiled important historic information and aided in getting the mill and Union City formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. On a bi-annual basis the group provides countless hours of volunteer labor to assist in the stabilization and preservation of the historic mill building. Help BLM fulfill responsibilities under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
Deutsch Family, Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives: Beaverhead County Museum <u>Contact:</u> Mark Sant Dillon Field Office	Cooperative effort to catalogue, inventory, and duplicate an important historic archival collection or paper records, documents and other materials, relating to the historic Ney Ranch.		The collaboration provided the necessary expertise, equipment, and materials to ensure the long term preservation of important archival information relating to historic homesteading in southwest Montana. Provide matching funds and labor for a Cultural Resource Program challenge cost-share project.	The partnership insured the long term preservation and duplication of important historical materials for the benefit of Beaverhead County and the State of Montana. Materials will be utilized for historical research and interpretation. Help BLM fulfill responsibilities under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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Dillon Resource Management Plan (RMP) Memorandum of Understanding with BLM-Beaverhead County Contact: Renee Johnson Dillon Field Office	Will assist BLM in plan development with special expertise in road and access issues, weed management and with social and economic information.		Involves County representative in ID Team setting as plan is developed rather than in a review capacity.	Just beginning work.
East Pioneers Stewardship Group Contact: Dale McKnight USFS Wise River Executive Sec	Cooperative resource management for livestock grazing.	USFS BLM Livestock permittee's state agencies environmental groups	This project was one of the first to do innovative cooperative management across ownership boundaries.	This project started in the early 1980's and applied rangeland management to fit the landscape regardless of ownership and provide for the most efficient management.
Elkhorn Cooperative Management Area (ECMA) Memorandum of Understanding Contact: Richard(Rick) M. Hotaling Butte Field Office	The MOU establishes the principles and organization under which the area consisting of the Forest Service Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit and surrounding BLM and private lands are combined for the purposes of this cooperative effort to form the ECMA.	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks BLM - Butte Field Office USDA-Forest Service - Beaverhead, Deerlodge and Helena National Forests	Ecosystem management is the umbrella concept in management of the Elkhorn mountain range. Wildlife and wildlife habitat are managed to support populations of species associated with native vegetation. Wildlife values are a strong consideration in evaluating all land use proposals. Public users, local government, and adjacent land owners are involved in the management of the EMCA.	The management opportunities are the basis for developing the annual interagency Elkhorn Program of Work. To date, all three implementation area analysis have been completed and many mountain range and implementation area projects have been completed. These include a comprehensive Elkhorn Travel Plan; reintroduction of bighorn sheep; and the revision of allotment management plans; rehabilitation of historic mine sites; a mountain range prescribed fire plan and completed prescribed fire projects; west slope cutthroat trout restoration; a comprehensive recreation and travel map and signing and interpretive projects.

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Federal Leadership Forum (MOU) this group works for the Federal Leadership Forum and involves the s <u>Contact:</u> Mat Millenbach & Core Team Jim Albano Montana State Office	Assist in furthering interagency cooperation and improving the overall National Environmental Policy Act coordination among agencies.	BLM, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico USFS, Regions 1, 2 and 4 NPS, Intermountain Region US Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6 EPA, Region 8	Brings many different agencies with divergent missions together to work on complex NEPA issues in a cooperative spirit while achieving meaningful results.	Establishment of Air Quality protocols for NEPA analysis. Produced Supplemental NEPA guidance. MOU signed by all agencies that includes a dispute resolution plan.
Fire Suppression <u>Contact:</u> Phil Gill Dena Sprandel Miles City Field Office	The Rural Fire Departments in each county suppress wildland fires on BLM land and notify us when accomplished.	Marmarth, ND -Slope County Richardson, ND - Stark County Rhame, ND - Bowman and Slope Counties Killdeer, ND - Dunn County Watford City, ND -McKenzie County Sturgis/Meade, SD - Meade County Deadwood, SD - Lawrence County Lead, SD - Lawrence County Edgemont, SD -Custer County	The Rural Fire Districts have direct suppression responsibilities on BLM lands which they provide at virtually no cost to the BLM. Within the last year the BLM has provided grant money to these counties to promote community assistance programs, to plan and implement activities that benefit resources on federal land, to expand existing mitigation programs in order to reduce risks and to enhance local opportunities for rural communities.	Through the partnership the National Fire Plan's direction on providing community assistance for protection from catastrophic wildland fires has been implemented. Cooperative assistance agreements have been reached in which the Rural Fire Districts received grant money from the BLM. Effective fire protection is achieved on federal land along with improvements to Rural Fire Districts wildland suppression capabilities.
Fuels Management Activities with the Prairie County Grazing Association <u>Contact:</u> Dave Mueller Miles City Field Office	Plan for and conduct prescribed fires on grazing association and public lands.	Grazing Association Board and permittees/lessees.	Restore fire ecosystems and promote health of the lands.	700 acres of prescribed fire in crested wheat areas.

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Garnet Preservation Association (GPA) <u>Contact:</u> Dick Fichtler Missoula Field Office	Preserve Garnet Ghost Town	GPA BLM	This partnership began over 18 years ago. Partners work together closely and share equally in funding management and preservation of the town.	Stabilizing historic structures, funding 5 paid positions for management of 20,000 visitors per year at Garnet, fund state-of-the-art interpretation, curation of artifacts, acquired key private tracts within the historic site and co-hosting the annual Garnet Day celebration which drew over 1,200 people last year.
Grasslands Stewardship Initiative <u>Contact:</u> Doug Burger North Dakota Field Office	Their purpose is to address a wide range of controversial issues ranging from land use planning to more defined issues like rangeland health, methods of monitoring, access to public lands, weed control, outfitter and guide issues, etc.	Membership includes 4 federal agencies, environmental groups (TNC, Audubon, etc.), recreational interest, mineral interest and ranching interests.	This group was successful in getting grants to the North Dakota Consensus Council to help run and facilitate the meetings.	The group found several issues they were able to make a difference in, but the most significant was weed management.
Greater Yellowstone Area <u>Contact:</u> Mat Millenbach State Director Montana State Office	Coordination of resource management in the Greater Yellowstone Area.	National Park Service, the US Forest Service and the BLM in and around Yellowstone National Park, all are members of the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee. BLM hasn't been very active in the GYCC. Our landownership is limited, however there are some significant areas and the issues addressed are common to public lands. The Dillon Field Office has been active for the past 12 years or more in the Weed subgroup.	Provides for coordinated resource management on an ecosystem basis.	Agencies involved have coordinated their management on all resource issues. They have pooled resources and funds to accomplish management across administrative boundaries. One example is noxious weed mapping across all agencies using the same language and standards. Noxious weed control projects that have involved all agencies, county governments and private landholders. These projects have pooled resources and funding to leverage for outside challenge cost share type funds.

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Howrey Island: Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks <u>Contact:</u> Dan Bricco Miles City Field Office	Recreational development of this area:	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, John Little	Help in maintenance of this area. Providing public services.	This cooperation has resulted in river access, hunting and fishing opportunities, nature trail, picnic area, wildlife viewing area enhancements.
Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) <u>Contact:</u> John Bown Montana State Office	Indian Tribes assume the responsibility of performing production related oil and gas inspection and enforcement activities and surface protection work on trust minerals on the irrelative reservations.	BLM Blackfeet Tribe Chippewa-Cree Tribe Crow Tribe	The Tribes are able to manage part of BLM's oil and gas program on their reservations.	Successful transfer of responsibilities and continuation of contracts up to seven years now.
Law Enforcement Authority MOU <u>Contact:</u> Lee Crump Dillon Field Office	Provide assistance to each other in emergency situations.	Beaverhead County Sheriffs Office BLM Dillon Field Office	Provides the ability to jointly work together enabling the ability to efficiently act in an emergency situation.	Worked together during emergency fires in 2000, and the Rainbow Gathering of 2000.

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Madison County Interagency Coordinating Committee MOU Contact: Scott Powers Dillon Field Office	Purpose of the MOU is to promote communication and coordination of agencies with statutory authority to manage natural resources that influence Madison County.	MT Dept. Fish Wildlife and Parks MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation Beaverhead-Deerlodge & Gallatin National Forests Yellowstone Nat'l Park Jefferson Valley Conservation District USDI Fish and Wildlife Service Ennis Hatchery Madison County Commission BLM Dillon Field Office	Parties recognize their authorities are distinctly different. However, they recognize the need for better coordination with each other and to share a broader vision of how their coordination and efforts can contribute to land use planning and resource management.	Developed a joint landscape analysis for the Gravelly Range in Madison and Beaverhead County's. The analysis describes existing resources including social and economic conditions, developed goals for future management and identified management opportunities. Coordinated approach to weed control.
Management of Indian Oil and Gas Operations (MOU) Contact: Chun Wong Montana State Office	Provide procedures for managing Indian Oil and Gas Operations	BLM BIA, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regional Office	Fosters communication and consultation efforts with the Surface Management Agency responsible for Indian lands.	Timely processing of oil and gas permits with significant involvement from the BIA to ensure surface resource conservation efforts are according to BIA requirements.
Matthews Recreation Area: Miles Milers Chapter of the Good Sam Club Contact: Dan Bricco Miles City Field Office	Recreational development of this area.	Walt Schock, Camp Host Volunteer Miles Milers Chapter	Community support for recreational opportunities for the physically challenged. Providing public services.	This is recreation area that has been enhanced to accommodate the physically challenged. Fishing, boating, sight seeing, wildlife viewing, picnic area , rest room facilities, nature trail, camping is available to the public near Miles City,

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Minerals Management at Makoshika State Park (MOU) <u>Contact:</u> Dave McClain Miles City Field Office	Develop an efficient, coordinated program for the exploration, leasing, and utilization of mineral resources and for protection of the natural resources of Makoshika State Park.	BLM State of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Dawson County	Provides framework for several different agencies to work as one for a common goal in an area with mixed ownership situations, and unique natural resource values and high mineral potential.	August 3, 1999 Decision Record and Approved Amendment of the Big Dry Resource Management Plan for Oil and Gas Leasing in Makoshika State Park Area of Management Concern
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) <u>Contact:</u> Dale Tribby Miles City Field Office	Ensure communication and interagency cooperation occurs, particularly with the many issues and opportunities related to wildlife management on public lands.	The local Office's and employees of the FWP, as well as employees associated with their state Office,.	Thousand of dollars have been spent that would not have been possible without each agency's cooperation. In addition, habitat information and species specific information has been gathered that assists each agency in serving their publics better.	Through years of cooperation, habitat enhancement projects, fish stockings, research projects and cooperative inventories have been completed.
Montana State Wide Weed Management Plan <u>Contact:</u> Hank McNeel Montana State Office	Coordinated Noxious Weed Management in Montana	Federal Agencies State Agencies County Governments Private landholders Environmental Organizations Service Organizations	This has focus all participants in noxious weed management for inventory, control, revegetation, and budgeting within the state.	Ownership lines are dissolved and all participants have common goals. Resources are shared and the public education is receiving the same information from all sources.

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Montana Tech of the University of Montana: Professional and Technical Communication Department Contact: Mark Sant Dillon Field Office	As part of a technical writing course, students volunteer to conduct historic research into the ghost town of Glendale and the Hecla Consolidated Mining Company.		The partnership provides students practical experience in research and technical writing skills. The student project provides the BLM with important historical information to be used to nominate Glendale to the National Register of Historic Places.	Students provide a summary of archival research, do informant interviews with older residents of Beaverhead County that have family ties to the Glendale town site and smelter. Students provide an inventory and summary of available information, archival documents, and historic photographs that can be utilized to develop the historic contexts for the national register nomination.
Monthly Agency Coordination Meetings Contact: Dave McInay, Aden Seidlitz Miles City Field Office	Ensure communication and interagency cooperation occurs wherever possible.	MT Department of Natural Resources Conservation MT Fish, Wildlife, & Parks US Forest Service US Fish & Wildlife Service	Due to the land ownership pattern in Eastern MT, coordination, collaboration, and consultation with other State and Federal agencies is critical to the completion of on-the-ground projects, i.e., access issues.	Outfitter & Guide Distribution Analysis Hay Draw Access Road Resolution of Hunter-Landowner complaints Spring Creek Coal Mine Expansion Mitigation Agreement Travel Management Planning/OHV Compliance
OHV Area: Short Pines OHV Area (Glendive) User Group Contact: Ladd Coates Miles City Field Office	Provide for an opportunity for unrestricted OHV use.	Glendive Motorcycle Group, Marty Ulrich	Provided us a mechanism for selecting an area appropriate for open land classification. Implemented a Land Use Decision.	Secured and signed the boundary. Established a staging area.

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Oil and Gas EIS and RMP Amendment Contact: Mary Bloom Project Manager Miles City Field Office	Prepare an EIS to analyze oil and gas, including full-field coal bed methane development. Amend 2 RMPs to allow for new scope. Meet State of MT's needs per lawsuit., (joint Lead): State of Montana	Cooperating agencies to help prepare the EIS: Crow Tribe DOE BIA EPA Northern Cheyenne Tribe also helped prepare, but was not designated a Cooperating agency Additional Coordination: Wyoming BLM	Many different agencies, with different missions, worked together to build a quality plan that can be used as a tool to ensure protection of the environment while meeting the President's National Energy Policy and the public's need for clean energy. The WY BLM also prepared a draft EIS for coal bed methane development. MT and WY worked together in preparation of the plans.	The Draft EIS is ready to go to print after 11 months of preparation. Because of the many agencies involved, level of controversy and conducting it jointly with the State, this is a significant accomplishment. It took high prioritization, support from all levels of management, and constant communication such as: Weekly calls between the FO and the State Office Weekly calls Biweekly calls with the Cooperators Monthly calls with the State of Mt, where the public is invited to listen Monthly calls with the WY BLM
Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis (MOU) Contact: Jim Albano Montana State Office	Establish working relationship for completing a Forest Plan Revision for Forest Service units in 2 Forest Service Regions and Four States	BLM, Montana and Wyoming Dakota Grasslands Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Thunder Basin National Grasslands Nebraska National Forest USFS Region 1 and 2	Results in the revision of Three Forest Plans with one team, planning process and NEPA analysis.	Forest Service and BLM Decisions should be completed this summer.
Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis for Forest Service Lands in Region 1(MOU) Contact: Jim Albano Montana State Office	Establish working relationship for completing oil and gas leasing analysis and Decisions on Forest System Lands and split estate lands within forest unit boundaries in Region 1 and processing of leasing requests to make them available for lease.	BLM Forest Service Region 1	Results in shared analysis and normally consistent oil and gas leasing decisions for Forest System and split estate lands within forest unit boundaries. Also results in efficient processing of lease requests.	Six Forest Service EISs and Decision Documents have been completed and 1 is currently in progress within Region 1. Efficient lease sale process that includes Forest System lands and split estate parcels with forest unit boundaries with consistent management of oil and gas activities.

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Oil and Gas Well Spacing and Well Jurisdiction (MOU) Contact: Chun Wong Montana State Office	Establish procedures for eliminating permit duplication for Federal permits and BLM involvement in spacing reviews	BLM Montana Board of Oil and Gas	It reduces overlap of jurisdiction and helps ensure conservation of oil and gas resources.	Continues successful long standing partnership
PHEASANTS FOREVER: Yellowstone Chapter Contact: Jay Parks Billings Field Office	To improve wildlife habitat improvement, public education and conservation,		Participate in a Sikes Act Coop. Habitat Agreement on Sundance Lodge with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and BLM. This 380-acre public land parcel is a Special Recreation Area. They have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to the wildlife habitat and farming management, development, and cleanup of the parcel.	Planted over 4,300 trees and shrubs in 4 shelter belts at Sundance Lodge and Pompeys Pillar. Planted annual food plots and maintained habitat at Sundance Lodge since 1997. Planted over 50,000 trees and shrubs on 40 projects in this region since they began in 1992. All of this was accomplished with dedicated volunteers.
Pompeys Pillar Historical Association Contact: Dick Kodeski Billings Field Office	Support BLM in protecting Pompeys Pillar National Monument and help others appreciate it.		Long-term commitment of resources and funding.	The association was an advocate in bringing the site into public ownership in 1991 and is still active. They are currently involved in raising \$2 million toward a new interpretation center at the site.

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PPL Contact: Rich Maggio Dillon Field Office	To develop and maintain recreation facilities as mitigation for the re-licensing of the Madison Dam near Ennis.	Montana American Public Land Exchange BLM USFS Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	The partnership provides much needed funding for development of recreation facilities within the Madison River corridor, and will provide for long-term development and operations funding through the development and administration of a trust fund from which interest will be spent on operations or additional developments that could not before seen at the time of the issuance of the FERC license.	Development of the Kobayashi Beach facility on Ennis Lake, which will provide a boat launch, parking area, swimming area and beach for recreational use. Efforts are ongoing toward development of another boat launch (primarily for waterfowl hunters) and some limited camping opportunities on another part of Ennis Lake. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will develop additional camping alone of their existing facilities through an agreement amongst the partners. Other planned projects include development of an interpretive display at Fall Creek (a launch site for the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness), and re-design and development of an existing picnic area along the upper Bear Trap Canyon on the Madison River.
Pryor Mountain Mustang Association Contact: Linda Coates-Markle Billings Field Office	To inform the public about wild horse management on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range.		Tremendous management assistance from field efforts to support of management decisions.	Successful 1997 and 2001 gathers. Introduction of fertility control in 2001. Support for extensive research from equine genetics to habitat modeling.
Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students (RAPS) Memorandum of Agreement No. AG3C50000226. Contact: Sara Romero-Minkoff Montana State Office	The purpose of RAPS is to foster an awareness of the importance of implementing sound natural resource management practices in Montana and Dakota. The primary objective is to provide improved educational and employment opportunities for youth as offered through cooperative agency work experience.	BLM Bureau of Indian Affairs minority youth	The RAPS program provides a means for minority youth at risk in the area to obtain knowledge of, and experience in, resource management principles through employment and educational opportunities.	Identify and recruit youth who may have an interest in resource-related careers. Provide educational and employment opportunities for at risk youth.

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Sage Grouse Technical Committee Contact: Kent Undlin Larry Rau Dale Tribby Miles City Field Office	This group has come together to develop management guidelines to do two things: 1) proactively manage sage grouse and their habitats and 2) prevent the listing of the sage grouse.	Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Private land owners Federal land grazing permittees/lessees	This group has taken the best science and applied it to every known facet of sage grouse management. The group has been able to reach consensus on many difficult issues.	The draft management plan for sage grouse in Montana is near completion. This is significant in that many agencies and publics were instrumental in development of this plan that entailed numerous outreach and communication efforts.
Six State Grazing Districts Contact: Sheila McNee Dale Tribby Miles City Field Office	Orderly administration of the public lands within the Grazing District.	A grazing Board of Representative permittees/ lessees and the BLM range staff assigned to that area compose the key members. Weede Coulee Williams Coulee Prairie County East Custer C&B Red Buttes	Good communication is the hallmark of the Districts and BLM relationships. Through the use of grazing districts, issues, concerns and decisions can be presented and options discussed. Problems are solved at the ground level. In addition, issues and decisions can be presented to the permittees by the Grazing District boards, resulting in increased understanding of BLM policies.	A better understanding of the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health and the Permit Renewal directives has been a great benefit for this Office.
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Contact: John Grensten Malta Field Office	Working to maintain and expand prairie dog numbers/habitat on public lands and their private lands.	Linda Poole	The TNC is working with the Federal and State agencies to further the management of prairie dogs and black-footed ferrets on public lands in Phillips County. They are bringing the private landowners into the process so that it becomes a win-win for the agencies, private land owners, and the prairie dogs and black-footed ferrets.	The TNC provided much needed help in the black-footed ferret reintroduction in November of 2001. They provided labor and equipment for the dusting operation; constructing, maintaining, and taking down a predator proof electric fence around two prairie dog towns; helped with the release of black-footed ferrets; and has been involved with local prairie dog management issues and meetings.

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Three Rivers Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America (MOU # -DFO-076-98-01)_ Dillon Field Contact: Mark Sant Dillon Field Office	Cooperative effort to expand recreational opportunities for visitors in the Dillon Field Office, area and promote the responsible use and enjoyment of recreational saddle and pack stock.	Mark Sant Dillon Field Office	This partnership elaborates on the National MOU between the BLM and the Backcountry Horsemen of America.	On an annual basis the 3 Rivers Backcountry Horsemen volunteer to assist the BLM in maintenance of the East Fork Blacktail Campground and clearing of trails in the Centennial Mountains.

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Archaeological Predictive Model for Pine Valley in northeastern Nevada for oil and gas 2001-2002 Contact: Meg Jensen DSD Resources (775) 861-6464 Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Railroad Valley model is enhanced for the attributes in another valley of producing oil fields. Pine Valley model maps an entire hydrological basin for archaeological sensitivity, built in collaboration with Department of Energy (DOE), Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM), State Historical Preservation Office,, and Gnomon Inc.	John Snow, NDOM Manager Pat Barker, BLM Archaeologist Eric Ingbar, Gnomon Inc. Manager Steve Wells, BLM Engineer	Model is nearing completion. Funded in partnership with DOE. Demonstrates model can be transported into another distinct habitat allowing drilling activities compatible with other uses on public lands. Anticipate the ability to use model concepts in other areas outside the Great Basin (i.e., Kern River, CA, Powder River Basin and over-thrust areas of Wyoming), or for other program priority areas within the Great Basin.	Digitized inventory data from archaeological surveys in Pine Valley model shows high sensitivity near water and tool sources. Model paves the way for transporting modeling techniques of archaeological sensitivity and risks to larger scale landscape areas or to other geographic locations. Streamlines permitting. Model has utility to be incorporated into the Energy Task Force initiatives.
Archaeological Predictive Model for Railroad Valley in central Nevada for oil and gas 1998 Contact: Meg Jensen DSD Resources (775) 861-6464 Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Model assesses archaeological resource sensitivity and provides management prescriptions for over one-half million acres. built-in collaboration with Nevada Division of Minerals State Historic Preservation Office, (SHPO), and Gnomon Inc.	John Snow, NDOM Manager Pat Barker, BLM Archaeologist Eric Ingbar, Gnomon Inc. Manager Steve Wells, BLM Engineer	Digitizes and maps resource themes for an area surrounding our largest oil producing fields. Allows industry to anticipate the true cost and timeframes for archaeological surveys and reviews. Allows BLM managers to anticipate the risks to archaeological resources, expedites and streamlines permitting..	Model is universal, and allows other programs, such as range and realty, to conduct the archaeological review of surface disturbing activities. Also blends the digitized data into a statewide effort by SHPO to have all inventories cataloged by end of fiscal year.

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BLM and University of Nevada at Reno and the Desert Research Institute Archaeological Field School Contact: Bryan Hockett (775) 753-0276 Elko Field Office	Archaeological site preservation; public education; scientific research.	Ted Goebel (UNR) Dave Rhode (DRI) Bryan Hockett (BLM)	The partnership involves three agencies cooperatively working to bring students from across the country to northeastern Nevada to learn archaeological field techniques. Also, the partnership involves multiple funding avenues, involving federal, state, and private sources.	The partnership is leading to a greater understanding of the prehistory and paleoecology of northeastern Nevada. It is helping to protect one of the most important archaeological sites in the region. In addition, it is providing educational training for college-level students from across the country. Finally, it is providing new scientific information on one of the oldest archaeological sites excavated in the region.
California National Historic Trails Contact: Steve Dondero Cultural Recreation Team Leader 775-753-0225 Elko Field Office	Marking and mapping of the California National Historic Trails. Lead tours for groups of the trail. Foster a greater appreciation for the Trail by local residents.	Humboldt Highroads Chapter of Oregon California Trail Association (OCTA) BLM	BLM now has the information necessary to properly manage and preserve the Trail. This local group is indeed the trail expert and has assisted BLM tremendously in locating, appreciating, and preserving the Trail.	Since 1991, this partnership has resulted in the marking and accurate mapping of the 435 miles of the California NHT in the Elko district. This is a completely voluntary effort with thousands of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars in donated materials contributed for the construction and installation of standard trail markers.
California National Historic Trails Interpretive Center Partners (underdevelopment) Contact: Mike Brown (775) 753-0386 Elko Field Office	To fund, construct, and staff an approximate 16,000-square foot, \$18 million California National Historic Trails Interpretive Center near Elko, NV in 2004/2005. The project also includes construction of a network of wayside exhibits in northeast Nevada.	Paul Sawyer and Dale Porter (Elko) Nevada State Senator Dean Rhodes Nevada Assemblyman John Carpenter City of Elko, NV Elko County State of Nevada BLM	This partnership is remarkable because it started as a grass roots effort by several Elko, NV citizens. They obtained financial commitments from City of Elko, Elko County, Nevada Legislature, and a Congressional authorization bill sponsored by Nevada Senator Harry Reid	Financial commitments obtained thus far by the Elko citizens are: \$1million from Elko County; \$2 million from City of Elko; \$3 million from Nevada Legislature; \$12 million Congressional authorization. Citizens group also assisted BLM with Feasibility Study completion, site selection, and negotiations for land donation for the site of the Center. The group is also involved with the interpretive planning effort.

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Central Nevada Recreation Partnership <u>Contact:</u> Steve Kramer (775) 482-7800 Tonopah Field Station	To promote recreation opportunities in Central Nevada	Nye County Chamber of Commerce Esmeralda County Chamber of Commerce USFS BLM Esmeralda Ecological Development Corporation	The partnership was created to explore the recreational economic, educational and local cultural opportunities available based on the area's natural resources.	The partners have completed a bike trail in the historic town of Gold Field, and have published a guide on recreation opportunities for the area, off road use (ORV), hunting, camping and hiking.
Comstock Cemetery Foundation(CCF) <u>Contact:</u> Gary Bowyer Historic Archaeologist (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office	The purpose of the project is to preserve the cultural and architectural features of six historic cemeteries in the vicinity of Virginia City, NV. BLM and the Comstock Cemetery Foundation (CCF) are proposing four phases of cultural resource activities, planning, construction, and public access/interpretive services improvements. Archaeological surveys will be conducted to map hundreds of individual burial sites. Comprehensive Preservation Master Plan will be prepared. Implementation of the plan will include erosion control, planting of new vegetation, installation of irrigation and security fencing, and construction of internal pathways and trails. A final phase will upgrade parking areas, establish six public demonstration plots with historical interpretive displays.	Candace Wheeler, President, CCF BLM.	The project is funded in part from a \$350,000 grant received from the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Program. The Comstock Cemetery Foundation was key in having these funds awarded to the BLM. Additional funds and services are provided by the CCF, the State of Nevada Storey County, the Comstock Historic District Commission (CHDC), and other local businesses and organizations. The Comstock cemeteries are located within the boundaries of the Virginia City National Historic Landmark (NHL). The historic cemeteries of the Comstock are memorials to the laboring classes that toiled behind the machinery of industrialized mining. In their glory days, the cemeteries were a collection of Victorian parks spilling across the desert landscape in a green patchwork of flowers and shrubbery and neatly painted fences.	Ms. Wheeler organized the Foundation; is working with the BLM under a group volunteer agreement; raised funds and coordinated for the Jones Boys' Burial Plot Restoration; assisted in the preparation of the Save America's Treasures grant; worked with Storey County to ensure non-negative press; organized and coordinated with contractors for the restoration of six burial plots repairs/restoration; and raised funds and awareness for the Comstock cemeteries, regardless of land ownership.

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Excellence in Mining Reclamation Award Group Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Recognizes excellence in reclamation from the many dollars spent on returning lands to other uses for the future.	Tom Leshendok, BLM DSD Alan Coyner, Nevada Division of Minerals, Administrator	Opportunity to reward operators who have provided good land stewardship and provide good press for the nation's largest active hard rock mining area.	Award usually given out by the Governor.
Friends of Red Rock Canyon Contact: Mark Morse Field Manager (775) 515-5000 Las Vegas Field Office	To be provided COB Monday, 1/18/02.		empty	
Gold Creek Winter Parking Area Contact: Steve Dondero Cultural Recreation Team Leader 775-753-0225 Elko Field Office	Maintain a key winter parking/staging area for snowmobiles.	Nevada Dept. of Transportation BLM	The Wildhorse area is Elko County's winter recreation Mecca. Regular snow plowing by the Nevada Department of Transportation assures that winter recreationists can access the area safely with ample room for parking and turnaround.	This partnership has been in effect for over 10 years and is still successful with minimal involvement by BLM.

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Great Basin College Elko NV Contact: Tim Murphy (775) 753-0275 Elko Field Office	The purpose of the field school is to assist the local college in developing its fledgling anthropology program, provide local students with an opportunity to learn archaeology, and allow the BLM to add to our knowledge of prehistory through proactive (not project-driven) inventory and excavation.		The partnership provides a positive example of the BLM working with a local institution and populace. Because the field school is open to all students (not just anthropology majors), information about archaeology and the BLM cultural resource management program is disseminated to the community in a positive light. This benefit is multiplied since the field school is popular with education majors (accounting for about half of the students) who will pass their knowledge onto their students.	The field school has run for two years and has educated a number of students regarding archaeology and archaeological field methods. Approximately 900 acres of public land have been inventoried and three archaeological sites excavated.
Humboldt River Drainage Basin model cooperative agreement Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Complete an assessment of the potential impact of mining operations, and associated water uses on long and short term water conditions within the Humboldt River Drainage across northern Nevada.	BLM US Geologic Survey (USGS) Water Resources Division State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Tom Leshendok, BLM DSD Reg Reid, BLM Geologist Russ Plume, USGS	Global modeling and comprehensive assessment of the cumulative impact of mine dewatering operations in the Humboldt watershed. USGS Water Resources Division has the lead.	First ever comprehensive Humboldt River Basin Ecosystem analysis to evaluate impacts. Funded by mining industry and USGS matching funds.
Interagency Leasing Automation Taskforce with Nevada Division of Minerals and industry for oil and g Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Engineer efficiencies and develop automation for procedures to continue offering parcels that meet industry's nomination requests.	John Snow, NDOM Manager Fred Gibson, Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources Chairman Bruce Decker, Foreland Corp. Steve Wells, BLM Engineer Ron White, Premier Data, Manager	Nevada's unique frontier province has the highest ratio of non-producing exploration leases compared to producing leases. A large portion of our leases are taken no competitively over the counter during the two-year window of availability. The Mineral Commission has pledged support to be a partner in ensuring that BLM can offer timely leases, and use automation to manage workload.	Digitized into Geographic Information System to build data layers that show: areas under lease, areas offered competitively with each parcel sale, and available noncompetitive acreage (from past two years). GIS facilitates: (1) tracking leasing and industry activity, and (2) building lease stipulation data layers for environmental review.

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Interagency Partnership on Environmental Remediation of Abandoned Mine Lands in Nevada for Mining Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	The partnership is formed under a formal MOU among 10 Federal and State agencies to coordinate, inventory, prioritize and complete remediation of abandoned mine land environmental problems in Nevada.	BLM US Forest Service US Fish and Wildlife Service US Geologic Survey Environmental Protection Agency Nevada Division of Minerals Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Nevada Division of Wildlife Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Desert Research Institute US Army Corp of Engineers	The partnership is exemplary due to the large number of agencies that participate formally and the size of the mines addressed.	Successes have been to validate BLM sites recommended for remediation. The partnership was used by the Corp of Engineers to develop over \$2.0 million in funds to address common goals and sites.
Joint Development of Inspection and Enforcement Matrix for Workload and Budget Planning with the Nev Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Facilitate and coordinate operational oversight, as well as planning priorities, on a statewide basis for field work.	John Snow, NDOM Manager John Stout, BLM Inspector Steve Wells, BLM Engineer	Unique to the BLM. Allows the State to work directly with the Bureau to plan the workload priorities, and budget inspection work annually. State review and signing of the final Matrix.	Optimizes efforts with a small staff to focus on highest drilling, abandonment and production inspections of oil and gas operations.

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Joint Land Use Planning & Management Contact: Mike McQueen Environmental Coordinator (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office		Carson City Douglas County & Washoe County Carson City (county) Nevada-Douglas County Nevada-Washoe County, Nevada	These partnerships are national models of interagency consultation, joint planning and the preservation of open space among counties and BLM.	Douglas County deserves special recognition since they paid for all planning related expenses in the production of the North Douglas County Specific Plan. The Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment was essential to protect the resources identified in the Washoe County Regional Open Space Plan. It was adopted by the Washoe County Commission, found in conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, and endorsed through resolution by the City Councils of Reno and Sparks. Carson City has spent over \$1,000,000 in the past six months to purchase open space lands adjacent to BLM public lands, with the understanding that BLM will acquire the parcels when funds become available. This shows a high level of trust between the BLM and Carson City officials.
Joint Land Use Planning between the BLM and the US Navy (NAS Fallon) Contact: Gary L. Ryan Military Liaison Specialist (775) 426-4011 stationed at NAS Fallon		BLM Carson City Field Office US Navy, Naval Air Station-Fallon	The Navy has fully funded a BLM employee, Gary Ryan, as a Military Liaison Specialist for the Carson City Field Office. Ryan is stationed at NAS Fallon. He has coordinated numerous documents jointly between the BLM, Carson City Field Office, and the U.S. Naval Air Station Fallon, meeting BLM and Navy desires for integrated natural resource management of public lands within the operational flight areas used by the Navy in Nevada.	The BLM and Navy determined that combining the two agencies' planning processes is the appropriate means to serve as the analysis and basis for decisions on lands identified in the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 for withdrawn public lands, Navy-owned lands, and the NAS Fallon Main Station. The main focus of the agencies is to promote ecologically sound management in a coordinated and uncomplicated manner between the BLM and Navy.

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Lander County Weed District; Eureka County Weed District; Diamond Valley Weed Control District; Nye, <u>Contact:</u> Joe Ratliff (775) 635-4000 Battle Mountain Field Office	Pool joint resources of funding and personal to control noxious weeds on public lands and adjoining private lands.	Lander County Weed Control District local mining companies county, federal and state agencies	This is a group of concerned agencies and individuals united to control noxious weeds on public lands and adjoining private lands. It has fostered a positive working relationship among federal, state, county governments and local citizens, and it has lessened the tensions that sometimes exist among local rural government organizations and federal agencies.	Through the cooperative efforts of the partners, more than 10,000 acres were treated for weeds in FY2001. The partnerships have brought county, citizens and federal agencies together to accomplish a common goal to eradicate noxious weeds and improve the health of public and private lands.
Local Fire Investigations <u>Contact:</u> Erika Schumacher District Ranger (775) 753-0207 Elko Field Office	Ensure all human-caused fires in the Elko Field Office, area of administration are investigated.	Greg Liddicoat, Deputy State Fire Marshall Sam Hicks, Nevada Division of Forestry Verl Jarvie, Elko City Fire Marshall Bob Fields, U.S. Forest Service	The group discusses fire suppression activities problems, and investigations, to ensure communication between the fire suppression agencies and law enforcement.	The group has investigated about 90 percent of human-caused fires. Hunter patrols using BLM employees have been used to get message on fire safety out to recreationists and other public land users during hunting season. Investigating fires will decrease arson and negligent fires, resulting in greater protection of resources. During the past few years, human-caused fires have decreased. Success may be due in part to increased public vigilance resulting from the extreme wildfire seasons the past three years.
Lower Truckee River Restoration <u>Contact:</u> John Singlaub Field Manager (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office	Large interagency partnership.	BLM Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe US Army Corps. of Engineers US Fish and Wildlife Service Washoe County Storey County City of Reno City of Sparks Truckee Meadows Water Authority The Nature Conservancy	River restoration projects, flood control, water quality improvements, and development of recreational access are key components of this interagency effort.	Interagency coordination and intensive planning/meetings are underway.

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Master Working Agreement-Eureka County and Bureau of Land Management Contact: Richard Kurtz (775) 635-4000 Battle Mountain Field Office	Exchanging information about projects of mutual interest. Developing a process for working cooperatively on range improvement projects including allotment evaluations, decisions, environmental planning and implementation of decisions.	Eureka County Board of Commissioners Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources Nevada Div. Of Wildlife BLM Local ranch managers	Dedicated to management of public lands within Eureka County and resolution of important issues for positive outcomes.	Eureka County, BLM and local ranch managers collaborated on the allotment evaluations for Fish Creek complex and the surrounding allotments to establish proper carrying capacities for livestock, wild horses and wildlife.
Mine Closure Working Group partnership Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	The group deals with present mine closures, short and long term environmental concerns, adequate bonding for long term concerns, disseminating information on lessons learned, and proactively addresses how to deal with long-term closure issues and future unforeseen issues on public and private lands.	Craig Smith, BLM Doug Dreisner, NDOM Engineer Dave Gaskin, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau Chief Jonathon Brown, Nevada Mining Association Tom Jeffers, USFS Minerals Administrator State of Nevada Nevada Division of Wildlife(NDOW) Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM) Industry Tribal entities Environmental community	On the leading edge for the Bureau in addressing and analyzing emerging environmental and technical issues for closure of large scale hardrock mines.	Nevada established a Bankruptcy Task Force to deal with an unprecedented number of mine bankruptcies in 2000. The group evolved into the closure working group in 2001 to proactively deal with environmentally sound mine closures.

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Mining liaison for the BLM and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	This position is instrumental in improving the communication and cooperation of the regulatory agencies, defining roles and responsibilities.	Craig Smith, BLM Liaison Dave Gaskin, NDEP Bureau Chief	Facilitator works in both Office,s coordinates mining regulatory permitting in the largest mining program of any State or BLM Office,.	Shared funding of the position; state funds through industry fees, 50 percent of position.. Alternate days spent in each Office. Coordinates for BLM at the field and state Office level Position helps reduce duplicate requirements and expedites the mine permitting process and resolves conflicts between the agencies and the mining community. Positively recognized and endorsed by industry.
MOU with Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM) for oil and gas Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Facilitate oversight of oil and gas operations spread across 40+ million acres. Coordinate with State to provide assistance, backup and share resources.	John Snow, NDOM Manager John Stout, BLM Inspector Steve Wells, BLM Engineer	Unique in the Bureau. Allows coordinated oversight of oil and gas program over a broad expanse of public and some private land with a limited staff.	Developed set of universal permit forms, consolidated for both agencies to streamline permitting and cut industry costs. Daily correspondence, coordinated review of all operations includes joint hosting of area and depth exploration meetings. Provide interagency backup for field inspections. Oil and gas inspections on private land, and geothermal inspections on public land, are conducted by the agency best suited to respond, often based on geographic considerations.
MOU with Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Provides for coordination and cooperation in processing plans of operation and issuing Nevada Industrial Artificial Pond permits.		Facilitates permitting and compliance for industry. Reduces costs, while allowing regulatory agencies to reduce and mitigate conflicts with wildlife resources.	Assures the protection of wildlife resources, especially for the large-scale cyanide using operations.

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National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Contact: Skip Ritter(775) 753-0273 Elko Field Office	To fund and install a guzzler which will help in the establishment of wild turkeys in Elko county. (The guzzler will be installed to benefit other wildlife as well.)	Joe Cumming, Boss Tanks Pyke Bowles, President Elko NWTF Chapter Brett Johnson, NWTF Regional Director.	The National Wild Turkey Federation is prevalent in the East. In the past several years, the NWTF has been expanding into the West with the establishment of wild turkey populations in all states as a primary goal. One of their initiatives is the Guzzler For Gobblers program. The Elko county guzzler is the first guzzler project fully funded by the NWTF in the West. The success of this project will lead to many other habitat projects being partnered with the NWTF in the western states.	Financial commitments have been fully met by the NWTF. Over \$4,500 has been funded for the purchase, installation and fencing of the guzzler. Coordination with Nevada Division of Wildlife is continuing, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)documentation for the project is underway.
Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG): Abandoned Mine Land partnership Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Cooperating on developing mineral and natural history tour guides. (1) Road log Natural History Sites US 50 (2) Geologic tours Las Vegas area.	Joe Tingley, NBMG Jon Price, NBMG State Geologist Tom Leshendok, BLM DSD	BLM works with State to identify abandoned mineland safety sites and remediate them as funds are available. Educates and informs the public to geology and natural resources on public lands.	Two guides completed; other guides pending.
Nevada Fire Board of Directors Contact: Kevin Hull Fire Management Officer(775) 861-6670 Nevada State Office	To provide oversight and direction for all interagency wildland fire management in Nevada.	Nevada Division of Forestry State Of Nevada BLM National Parks Service, Pacific West Region. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office USFS, Region 4 and Region 5	This partnership is providing a collaborative effect in the area of Fire Management within the State of Nevada. It has provided a full interagency association and a high degree of professionalism, trust, and mutual assistance among wildland fire management agencies within Nevada.	This partnership has provided the opportunity to strengthen the Fire Management Operations in the areas of Fuels Management, Preparedness, Suppression, and Community Assistance. Which also enhance to the opportunity to increase and provide for firefighter and public safety. It provides the local communities the opportunity to deal with a seamless operations as it relates to wildland fire operations. The Nevada Fire Board is involved in providing briefings to agency managers but also to the governor and state representatives.

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Nevada Land & Resource Company (NLRC), Bombardon City Field Office Contact: Dave Buhlig Realty Specialist Tom Burke Archaeologist (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office	Partnership between BLM & NLRC to consolidate BLM/private checkerboard lands left over from the original Central Pacific Railroad grants of the 1860s.		NLRC has provided employees to the Bombardon City Field Office, to reduce the backlog of lands cases related to the checkerboard lands found in northern Nevada.	NLRC funded the placement of one realty specialist and one archaeologist at the BLM Carson City Field Office, to perform federal realty actions at the direction of the BLM. The BLM provides a workspace, telephone, training and access to all case files and land related databases.
Northeastern Nevada Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Coalition Contact: Steve Dondero Cultural Recreation Team Leader 775-753-0225 Elko Field Office	To provide one-stop shopping and a unified message for visitors to the public lands.	BLM U.S. Forest Service Nevada State Parks U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	The group was originally formed to staff an information booth at a local tourism convention. The partnership permits each of the agencies, with our limited staffing, to effectively serve the public in a consistent manner and provide accurate information. It has also permitted each of the members to better understand the offerings of the other agencies on lands they administer.	Full staffing of the booths at the tourism convention and at the Nevada 4-Wheel Drive Convention. Development of a series of fact sheets: one that covers all partners and additional individual color coded sheet(s) for each of the agencies involved. Each agency's fact sheets are printed on a different colored paper to help the visitor find information specific to that agency. Each agency has a set of masters so that the public information receptionist can easily make additional copies. The entire packet is used as a fulfillment piece to respond to public inquiries.

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Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG) Contact: Dave Stout (775) 753-0220 Elko Field Office	Use community-based cooperation to establish trust and mutual respect between diverse agency and community members involved in public land issues; - provide a community forum for scientific presentations related to healthy ecosystems, earth science topics, and problem solving through collaborative processes;- develop sustainable relationships and expectations that reduce conflicts, simplify and streamline planning, and provide multiple use opportunities in the region.	Citizens, including those who are associated with federal and state agencies, mining, livestock grazing, local business, conservation and environmental groups, Tribes, and outdoor recreation groups.	This is a group of diverse individuals dedicated to the dynamic and science-based resolution of important issues related to resource stewardship, informed management of the public lands, and positive socioeconomic outcomes.	Development (in progress) of a Sagebrush Conservation Plan for Elko County (an area of 17.5thousand square miles) to restore landscapes in the sagebrush ecosystem. The plan addresses land management to benefit many resources and values, especially sagebrush obligate species, including sage grouse. The intent of the plan is to meet US Fish and Wildlife Service criteria for a conservation plan, with the hope of avoiding listing of sagebrush obligate species as threatened or endangered.- Development and sponsorship of science-base symposiums for the public on a variety of topics, including: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NEPA process, the Great Basin Rangelands Science Symposium, Fire Ecology and Revegetation.
Outside Las Vegas Foundation Contact: Mark Morse Field Manager (775) 515-5000 Las Vegas Field Office	To promote outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities on public lands in the Las Vegas area.	Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Howard Hughes Corp. Del Webb Corp. Mirage Resorts Office of the Governor Mayors of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas and Boulder City Clark County Commission Universities of Nevada Las Vegas & Reno Desert Research Institute National Wild Horse Assn. Nellis Air Force Base Greenspun Communications R&R Partners Public Relations Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Mandalay Bay Resort Station Casinos Many private individuals	The foundation began in 1998 with an idea conceived among the four federal land managers in the Las Vegas area. In July 2000 the independent Las Vegas foundation was formed with broad community support and participation. The founding managers recognized that they had just over 200 employees to manage the more than 7 million acres of federal land surrounding the rapidly growing Las Vegas area, and that they needed to pool resources and engage the community to support them as they met the increasing public use of those lands. In addition to the more than 3.5 million acres of public land managed by the Las Vegas Field Office, the area includes the Spring Mountains NRA (FS), The Desert National Wildlife Refuge (FWS), and the Lake Mead NRA (NPS), and Red Rock Canyon NCA (BLM).	Enlisting the support and sponsorship of the community in the short time since the organization began is a significant accomplishment. In the planning stages is an outdoor recreation and education center at Oliver Ranch in the Red Rock Canyon NCA. The center will team with the Yosemite Institute to develop diverse education programs which will include local public schools and university-level projects for students through the United States, and potentially around the world via the Internet. Outside Las Vegas serves as a conduit for support and agreement among the four federal land management agencies. The foundation's executive director, former NPS Lake Mead Superintendent Alan O'Neill, is an excellent ambassador and spokesperson for the conservation of public lands in the area. The four federal agencies jointly provide salary for a staff member for the foundation, in recognition of the enormous benefits they gain from the organization.

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Partnership with Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Environmental P Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	Partnership emphasizing coordination and cooperation in issuing permits by the State, incident reporting and monitoring and inspections, inventory acquisition, incident clean-up and research program materials management.	Craig Smith, BLM Liaison Larry Steward, BLM Geologist Alan Biaggi, NDEP Administrator Dave Gaskin, NDEP Bureau Chief Tom Jeffers, USFS Minerals Administrator	Partnership is critical for oversight of emerging technologies and regulatory management of world class gold mines from Nevada public lands, the world's third largest gold producing region.	Developed the first State-BLM cyanide management plan in the Bureau. Developed joint, statewide revegetation guidelines used by federal and state agencies. Developed joint mine closure guidelines. Usually brings both industry and environmental groups into development of guidelines. Avoids duplication of federal and state efforts.
Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association Contact: Mark Morse Field Manager (775) 515-5000 Las Vegas Field Office	To be provided COB Monday, 1/18/02.		empty	

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Rural Fire Coordinator in cooperation with the Nevada Association of Counties(NACO) Contact: Bob Knutson Rural Fire Coordinator (775)883-8029 NACO	Provides leadership, management and coordination in wildland fire management, mitigation, training and qualifications, education, fuels management and community assistance and the cooperative fire program between the Bureau of Land Management and counties in Nevada.	NACO BLM Nevada	This is first, and most likely the only, fire position tied directly to an Association of Counties. This position and function works out of NACO. It provides fire management expertise to Nevada's 17 counties.	This partnership and position was put into place this fiscal year,2002. Currently we are observing that the counties are utilizing this position in discussing and evaluating fire suppression actions that occurred last fire season (2001). From this information we can and will evaluate the fire operations. The Rural and Tribal Volunteer Fire Departments are also working through this partnership in the area of fuel management in the wildland urban areas and in seeking funding opportunities for their departments.

Sierra Pacific Power Company A similar program has been operating in the Las Vegas Field Office for

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 Carson City Field Office

In 2000, the Carson City Field Office, of the BLM entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) which provides the BLM the capability to reduce processing time for the SPPC right-of-ways and permit applications.

This program has freed up BLM employees to work on priority projects and assisted in reducing the workload for the Carson City Field Office,. It has allowed in excess of 30 SPPC power related rights-of-way applications, amendments, and renewals to proceed in a more timely fashion. Encouraged by this success, the BLM and SPPC have renewed the agreement for another year.

SPPC funded the placement of one realty specialist and one archaeologist at the BLM Carson City Field Office, to perform federal realty actions at the direction of the BLM. The BLM provides workspace, telephone, training and access to all case files and land related databases. Once the two volunteers were identified and hired by the BLM, the hosted volunteers negotiated the terms of their compensation with SPPC, which SPPC provides directly.

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Silver Saddle Ranch: City of Carson City Nevada The Friends of Silver Saddle Contact: Chris Miller (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office	Open space preservation initiative and partnership between the BLM and the City of Carson City. The Friends of Silver Saddle is a new partner, recruiting volunteers to maintain the facility.		A high level of city participation has been a model for city-BLM joint planning and management of the former private ranch. The ranch now connects two large blocks of BLM-administered public lands (Prison Hill & Pine Nut Mountains). Preserves open space	Friends of the Silver Saddle Ranch is now an incorporated not-for-profit group dedicated to assisting the BLM with programs and natural resource projects/enhancements at the ranch. They are credited with hundreds of hours of work donated in 2001. A board of directors meets monthly and has conducted workshops for members of the public who are interested in joining the group. Skills such as public speaking, fund raising, carpentry, painting, landscaping, plumbing and other industrial skills are utilized on a daily basis.
State Division of Minerals MOU (Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources) Contact: Tom Leshendok DSD (775) 861-6576 Nevada State Office	The purpose of this partnership is to remediate abandoned mine safety hazards under a formal MOU.	Nevada Division of Minerals Nevada Mining Association	The partnership is exemplary in the success of leveraging BLM funds to remediate mine safety hazards on public lands. Includes time and funds volunteered by industry through the Nevada Mining Association.	In fiscal year 2001, over 301 sites on public lands were remediated. At one site the Governor and State Director held a cooperative media event to publicize the cooperation in areas near Las Vegas.
Student Conservation Association Contact: Leonard Wehking Mark Struble (775) 885-6000 Carson City Field Office	Established a Fire Education Corps. in 2001 to assist local fire departments in educating the public in western Nevada about the dangers of wildland fire and ways to prevent this on public and private property. The Fire Education Corps went through two weeks of specialized training to provide direct assistance to rural homeowners in evaluations of and techniques for protecting their homes from wildland fires.	SCA BLM	This was a pilot program that was so successful that many other BLM field Office,s and US Forest Service ranger districts will be added throughout the West in 2002. This program showed a high degree of consultation, cooperation and communication for conservation purposes between the federal government and local agencies.	Seven Student Conservation Association students worked in Douglas and Storey County, Nevada donating over 5,000 hours. They provided over 350 home assessments for defensible space in the event of a wildfire. They also provided public education, and Geographic Information System information for the fire departments in the areas of work. They boasted the most successful program in the Inter-mountain West. The group received extensive media exposure with the help of the BLM-Carson City Field Office, Public Affairs Office, r. This included articles in the LA Times, Outdoor On-Line Magazine, Reno Gazette-Journal, Nevada Appeal, The Record-Courier, Comstock Chronicle, and all three Reno TV affiliates.

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University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) and BLM Contact: Duane Crimmins (775) 635-4000 Battle Mountain Field Office	Study the effects of different re-vegetation and grazing practices after wildfire.	University of Nevada-Reno Gund Ranch Managers BLM	BLM and UNR have pooled resources to facilitate scientific analysis of grazing practices after wildfire.	This is the second year of a five year study. Several pastures have been established to study the effects of no grazing and no seeding after the burn, grazing and no seeding after the burn, grazing and seeding after the burn, no grazing with re-seeding after the burn. The livestock industry has long maintained that cattle grazing is a viable tool for fuels reduction, and that the BLM policy of keeping livestock off burned rangelands for two growing seasons is not sound. The results of the study are expected to provide valuable information for future treatment of burned rangelands in the Great Basin.

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Federal Executive Board Contact: Ed Singleton Manager 505.761.8951 Albuquerque Field Office	As a regional hub for all government activity, the NM FEB communicates, reduces costs and improves efficiencies, facilitates service delivery, partners with community groups, and coordinates emergency services.	DOE BIA DOD DOI DOA Health and Human Services Army Corp of Engineers GSA Veteran Affairs	It serves as a beacon to the public that government agencies of the FEB consist of true public servants who come together for the betterment of all agencies and to be equal partners in our community.	Created a combined federal leadership development program, which will produce its first graduates in January 2002. Promoted workingwomen by hosting a very successful career suit clothing drive for battered women in the community.
Langston University, Oklahoma Contact: John Melhoff Manager 918.621.4102 Oklahoma Field Office	Working with the BLM WH&B project Nationally and in Oklahoma to regularly host adoptions. They also provide students to BLM which may result in establishing permanent employees with the agency.		The group will help to exemplify the importance of the WH&B program	Hopes to be a long term partner with BLM in hosting WH&B adoptions. Plans to host first adoption in September.
Multi-agency Fire Dispatch Center Contact: Pat Pacheco 505.751.4717 Taos Field Office	Eliminate duplication of effort in several agencies and departments within the Taos community area and northern New Mexico.	Local federal wildland fire agencies BLM US Forest Service BIA New Mexico State Forestry	Formation of a multi-agency fire dispatch center enhances the ability to respond to fires and reduce duplication of effort thus saving money, effort, time and lives.	In November 2001, a multi-agency task force finished writing the charter that defined the multi-agency board's mission, roles and responsibilities and those of its members. The charter is being currently being coordinated for signatures. Soon a study will be commissioned to plan the best way to consolidate and support forces in this newly formed multi-agency dispatch center.

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New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History Founda Contact: Mike O'Neill 505.761.8743 Patricia Hester 505.761.8786 Albuquerque Field Office	Repository for fossil specimens collected from BLM-administered public lands to support cooperative activities between BLM and the Science Division of the NMMNHS in the fields of paleontology, geology, zoology, and botany.	Dr. Adrian Hunt, Director Dr. Spencer G. Lucas, Senior Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology Tracy Ingalls, Interim Director, NMMNH Foundation	It provides fossil specimens for interpretation through museum display, traveling exhibits, educational programs. It also fosters cooperative programs in the other disciplines, and provides benefit to the public through an increased awareness of our natural heritage and the value of natural history resources found in New Mexico. The public benefits by the assurance that paleontological resources collected from BLM-managed lands will remain in Federal ownership for scientific study, exhibit, interpretation, and education. This partnership also provides the opportunity for members of the public and volunteer groups to participate in doing and learning about paleontology.	This partnership, a model to emulate, has produced significant fossil discoveries of international importance. New Species Discovered. The skeleton of Seismosaurus, a Jurassic age Sauropod dinosaur will be on display at the International Exposition of the World's largest Dinosaurs in Japan beginning June 2002. The specimen was recovered from public land managed by the BLM. The NMMNHS and volunteers helped recover this specimen, which is believed to be of a new genus and species. New Type of Dinosaur Recovered. BLM and the NMMNHS consulted and coordinated on the recovery of a Tyrannosaurus skeleton and cooperated with the NM Army Air National Guard to remove the specimen from a Wilderness Area. This is the first recovery of this kind of dinosaur from New Mexico and may prove to be of a new type. New Building Houses Public Land Dinosaur Bones. The BLM and NMMNHS have cooperated in the construction of an out-building to house recovered dinosaur bones collected from public land awaiting preparation and curation. Specimen Database Developed. The BLM and NMMNHS collaborated in the development of a database for BLM specimens in the collection of the NMMNHS so researchers all over the world can access them.
NM Volunteers for the Outdoors Contact: Jim Talent Recreation and Cultural Team Leader 505.525.4400 Roswell Field Office	Assists BLM with various outdoor projects and activities.		The group is instrumental with various BLM outdoor projects including the maintenance of trails.	Baylor Pass Trail

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San Juan Basin Public Roads Committee Contact: Bill Papich 505-599-6325 Farmington Field Office	Drilling rigs, water tank trucks, heavy equipment and the overall surge in traffic that comes with increased oil and gas field activity coupled with lack of maintenance has caused safety and erosion problems on thousand of miles of oil and gas field roads.	San Juan County Roads Department Over 40 companies, including all the major oil and natural gas producers in the San Juan Basin	The committee is a permanent working group for addressing oil and gas field road maintenance concerns and budgets. This partnership gives ownership to the oil and gas companies as well as to the public while creating a collaborative spirit among the members.	Future committee plans include consolidating redundant roadways into an area any roads deemed unnecessary. Closed roads will be contoured to the landscape, plowed and seeded. Public lands within the field Office, has been divided into 13 road maintenance districts with the predominant oil and gas operator in each district charged with supervising road maintenance in each district.

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Cascade Streamwatch <u>Contact:</u> Richard Prather Manager (503) 375-5683 Cascade Resource Area	The primary purpose of Cascade Streamwatch is to provide visitors, educators and students a safe, accessible and supportive place to study, view, and experience healthy northwest rivers and wetlands.	The Cascade Streamwatch project is a ten-year collaborative effort by BLM, USFS, the non-profit educational organization Wolf tree, Inc and numerous other agencies and private corporations to develop a comprehensive science-based resource education program along with an innovative interpretive site focusing on watersheds and fisheries.	The Cascade Streamwatch program has been hailed as one of the most successful, largest and scientifically rigorous environmental education partnerships in the country. Each year about 3,000 students and adults are expected to participate in various Cascade Streamwatch education programs with another 6 to 10,000 students from a variety of regional programs and schools visiting the site on school related trips annually. The site also provides accessible educational and interpretive opportunities for over one-hundred thousand of visitors each year.	The project has restored over 1/2 mile of fisheries habitat and developed facilities that offer a chance for visitors to view and learn first-hand about anadromous fish in their natural habitat. The developments include an unique underwater stream profile viewing chamber along a restored side channel of the Wild & Scenic Salmon River; one of the most extensive wetlands boardwalk interpretive trails in the nation; a network of beautiful and forested barrier-free trails highlighted by creative sculptures, models and interpretive signing and kiosks. All facilities are fully accessible and provide opportunities for a multitude of field education activities that explore the connections and relationships of river, stream, and wetland ecological systems, and people, in a natural forest setting.
Cooperative Forest Ecosystem Research (CFER) <u>Contact:</u>	CFER was formed in 1995 to facilitate management of forests on public lands managed by the BLM in Western Oregon. Partners in CFER include Oregon State University College of Forestry, US Geological Survey,			

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Dean Creek Elk Viewing Site Contact:	Dean Creek is a mosaic of pasture, woodland, and wetland providing a variety of viewing experiences. A herd of 60 to 100 Roosevelt elk are year round residents. Numerous birds can be seen in the area and waterfowl are visible in the wetlands. The viewing area stretches along a three mile stretch of Highway 38, with two viewing areas and several pullouts to view wildlife. The BLM works with Dean Creek Wildlife Inc, on volunteer projects at the site. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife manages the elk herds, and BLM manages the elk habitat.			
High Desert Museum Contact:	The High Desert Museum, located south of Bend, is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to broadening the knowledge and understanding of the region's resources by providing unique educational experiences. BLM State Director, Elaine Zielinski serves on the High Desert Museum Board, and BLM provides financial and technical support to the museum.			

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National Fire Plan and Klamath Basin Farmers Partnership Contact: Steve Ellis Lakeview District Manager 541) 947-6399 Lakeview District Office	The BLM Lakeview District-Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA) in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in partnership with the Fremont National Forest, has started an ambitious fuels reduction project that includes over 3,000 acres of tree thinning, brush removal and piling slash in and around the small community of Bly Mountain, Oregon. Although the primary goal of this project is to reduce dangerous fuel loadings in the wildland-urban interface area, a very important secondary objective is to provide temporary jobs for up to 80 displaced farm workers in the Klamath Basin, which has been devastated by past drought conditions. Using special funding that has been allocated by the Washington Office, the KFRA has obligated the work to four private contractors, who have already begun recruiting workers in the local area.	BLM Klamath Falls Resource Area Fremont National Forest The Oregon Department of Forestry and local elected officials are assisting the BLM in planning, support, and community relations.		
Oregon Plan For Salmon and Watersheds Contact:	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to make significant contributions to the successful implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds in cooperation with other federal and state agencies, and local watershed groups. The Oregon Plan focuses on restoring salmon populations and improving water quality throughout the state through such measures as fish harvest restrictions, hatchery practices that favor wild salmon, better enforcement of existing laws, improved fish passage, maintaining or decommissioning roads, and instream structure development. Achieving the habitat restoration components of the plan relies on involvement, ownership, and commitment through community-based watershed groups.			

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Oregon Trout's SalmonWatch Education program. <u>Contact:</u>	This partnership brings hundreds of schoolchildren out to public lands to learn about salmon and steelhead biology and habitat.			
Oregon Youth Conservation Corps <u>Contact:</u>	The BLM works and contracts with OYCC to schedule projects on public lands. OYCC hires youths between the ages of 16 and 24 providing meaningful work and training.			
Oregon Zoo <u>Contact:</u>	The Oregon State Office of the BLM partnered with the Oregon Zoo in 1997 and since then has contributed through volunteer projects, technical expertise in interpretive design and fish and wildlife biology, and the Urban Nature Overnight program bringing hundreds of inner city kids to the Zoo for a camping-out experience.			

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Trout Creek Mountain Working Group Contact: Dave Henderson Manager (541) 473-6201 Tom Dyer Manager (541) 573-4422 Vale District Burns District	The Trout Creek Mountain Working group is a southeast Oregon partnership made up of citizens, environmentalists, ranchers, BLM, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and other state and federal resource and land management agency professionals dedicated to making a positive difference on the land.	BLM Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife US Fish and Wildlife Service	The working group's goal is to make sure management makes a positive difference on the land and helps to create healthy rangelands. In 1988, ranchers voluntarily removed their cattle to give the land a three year rest. Members of the partnership agree that by working together they can promote solutions that benefit both the land and the local community.	In sparsely populated southeastern Oregon, cattle ranching plays a predominant role in the local economy. The improvement in long-term economic stability in ranching operations as a result of balancing economic and environmental concerns through long-term planning has led to economic benefits. The communication between ranchers and environmentalists has led to both groups understanding the others interest, and the role of the state and federal agencies. The ecological improvement of riparian areas, uplands, and water quality in the Trout Creek Mountains can be seen clearly in the rising numbers of endangered Lahontan cutthroat trout. Wildlife numbers continue to improve while traditional livestock grazing has been maintained.
Watershed Rehabilitation Project Contact: Joe Moreau Oregon State Fish Program Lead (503) 808-6418 Oregon State Office	To restore and rehabilitate habitats in the Upper and Middle Smith River Sub-watersheds.	Oregon Umpqua Basin Watershed Council Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Roseburg District BLM Coos Bay District BLM US Fish and Wildlife Service Seneca Jones Timber Co. Douglas County Road Maintenance Weyerhaeuser Co. Umpqua Fishing Derby Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	The Upper Smith Salmon Restoration Project demonstrates a project that can only succeed with local State and private cooperation and contributions. From 1994 to 2001, BLM has led an interdisciplinary team, including Federal, State, county, private industry, and non-governmental partners in completing habitat restoration/rehabilitation and monitoring in the Upper and Middle Smith River, located in southern Oregon.	The Upper and Middle Smith rivers support the listed Evolutionary Significant Unit of Oregon Coastal Coho salmon, along with steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout. Projects have been targeted to improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, through stream and riparian habitat improvement. The Upper and Middle Smith River restoration work has restored habitat connectivity by removing and replacing fish barrier culverts, particularly those preventing fish access to upriver BLM lands. To date, 28 large culverts have been replaced or removed providing fish access to approximately 31 miles of stream habitat. Approximately, seven miles of roads have been decommissioned on BLM lands, providing increased riparian habitat and hydrology and decreased sedimentation. The addition of large woody debris and boulder structures has increased stream functionality and suitable fisheries habitat on eight miles of BLM lands.

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2002 Winter Olympics Partnership America's Public Lands (APL) Contact: Glenn D. Foreman BLM Olympic Coordinator 801-539-4023	To prepare public land management agencies for the 2002 Olympics with emphasis of protecting public land resources, supporting communities and the spirit of the games.	BLM U.S. Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Reclamation Utah State Parks	The partnership has developed in a legacy arrangement whereas all public land agencies work together on a specific project, combining resources, streamlining processes and providing better public customer services.	The partnership known as America's Public Lands (APL) provides resources to support the games such as visitor information services, media services, environmental education, wild horse exhibit at the Soldier Hollow Venue Site, public lands recreation map, communications planning, transportation planning, workforce planning, an APL public lands exhibit at the Host City Visitor Center/Soldier Hollow/Snowbasin venues, public lands DVD, APL video, APL brochure, law enforcement, and torch bearers.
4 separate MOUs: Tooele, Box Elder, Rich, Utah, Counties and Salt Lake Field Office Contact: Bill Dragt Range Management Specialist (801) 977-4364 Salt Lake Field Office	To address the inventory, treatment and monitoring of noxious and invasive weeds on public lands.		Under these 4 MOU's, a consolidated and coordinated approach is being applied to address the rapid spread and expansion of noxious and invasive weeds. As such, the counties and BLM are cooperating to share resources, information and equipment to inventory and control weeds.	The vast acreage, rough terrain, and limited resources require a cooperative approach. These agreements provide the framework to plan annual strategies to weed control as a shared responsibility, provide mapping data, provide annual coordination meetings and transfer funding. As such, progress appears to have made an impact on number of acres treated, frequency of visitations to infested areas, public education and support, and shared information between agencies involved.

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Cadastral Data Collection and Integration Partnership: BLM State of Utah USFS and Salt Lake County Contact: Sandra Lewis (801) 539-4158	Lead statewide coordination efforts with federal state, tribal and local governments to implement the recommendations of Western Governor's Policy Resolution 00-005 for a common integrated cadastral infrastructure.	Dennis Goreham State of Utah Sandra Lewis, BLM Troy Warburton, USFS Vaughn Butler, Salt Lake County	Active partners at all levels of government in coordinated long term effort to align needs and resources. Uses complementary knowledge and skills of partners to address technical, policy and resource issues. Seeks to reconcile and integrate the most accurate, complete and current information from various federal, state, and local sources to a common, seamless, border to border cadastral data base. Increases intergovernmental cooperation and mutually beneficial partnerships	Presented joint training for counties on cadastral data collection Developed standardized best practices for data collection methods and formats to support cross jurisdictional data integration Developed a unified, comprehensive State of Utah Cadastral Plan to inventory, collect and integrate cadastral data and to outline schedules, resources, roles and responsibilities of federal, state, tribal and local partners. Informed and educated policy makers about the benefits of land records modernization to activities concerning planning, open space, economic development, land and resource management, and disaster management in rural, urban and regional communities.
Challenge Cost Share Agreement: Great Salt Lake Shorebird Survey Contact: Maria Torres Wildlife Biologist (801) 977-4398 Salt Lake Field Office	The agreement sets forth a long term survey of the populations of birds dependant upon the vast acreage of the Great Salt Lake, and during what times of the year. T	he main players are the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and a number of private individuals as well as other state and Federal Agencies including the BLM, SLFO, Utah, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah State University, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Audobon Society, Friends of The Great Salt Lake etc.	For the first time ever, a comprehensive survey of the GSL Ecosystem is set to reveal the value of the GSL to migratory and resident populations of waterfowl/shorebirds. The information will allow agencies and private industry to coordinate on providing for the management needs of birds in the area. Since the partnership is so vast, including over 100 partners, including individual volunteers, it has been a major effort to coordinate survey routes, timing of surveys and how to report the survey data. It demonstrates that a large number of people with a common interest, can coordinate with little confusion to accomplish great results.	The GSL Ecosystem has been determined through the effort thus far, to be the largest concentration/resting area for migratory birds in the western United State. This is important to land managers and private industry that have vested interests in the lake and its shoreline. Planners can determine the levels of allowable harvest of lake resources such as Brine Shrimp, that will provide for private industry and yet provide a dependable food source for the dependant birds. The information will establish the thresholds for management concern regarding the lake resources, as well as the recreational tolerances.

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Challenge Cost Share Agreement: Raptor Habitat Monitoring Contact: Brian Lampman Wildlife Biologist (801) 977-4373 Salt Lake Field Office	Purpose is to establish raptor use of the public lands in Western Utah with emphasis on the sensitive species, Ferruginous Hawk. The information will be used to establish a data base for long term trend and value of the public lands to Raptors.	Utah State University Utah Division Of Wildlife Resources Hawkwatch International 65 private individuals BLM SLFO	This is a coordinated effort over a period of five years, so far, to document the locations of raptor nests, productivity studies on some of the nests, and produce a data base showing the concentrations and important raptor nesting areas on Utah's West desert. The partnership involves the volunteer time of approximately 65 private individuals spending their own time and money to monitor the nests. The costs to produce the baseline information to this point have been minimal on the part of the BLM.	A five year trend and data base has been established as well as photos cataloged to demonstrate areas of important raptor nesting, and what management is required, and during what time of the year, to protect important raptor use areas.
Challenge Cost Share Agreement: Sage Grouse Habitat Determinations Contact: Nate Packer Wildlife Biologist (801) 977-4351 Salt Lake Field Office	The intent of the project is define vast areas of sage grouse habitat through the use of satellite imagery. The intent is then to be able to determine through interpretation of the resolution, the vegetation composition, height and abundance across broad areas.	BLM SLFO Utah Utah State University Utah Division of Wildlife Resources BLM LEMA Center Utah State University	This partnership uses the capabilities of high level satellite imagery as acquired through military sources; to define the values of habitats to sage grouse. It is the first time an effort to classify vegetation and its value to sage grouse during different times of the year has been attempted using this type of technology. It brings together land use managers needs, biological requirements of the species, capabilities of high technology, and the capability to categorize large tracts of land in a short time with great accuracy.	The project is in its third year of a three year study. The accomplishments so far have been very optimistic. The quality and quantity of habitats available have been documented with field checking, and the potential for habitat management has been estimated, necessary to improve the areas for sage grouse through mechanical, fire or chemical methods. Thus far, thousands of acres of habitat in a wide variety of landscapes have been classified to consistent level like it has never been done before. The project has identified ways to expand survey efforts and to improve upon the accepted protocol.

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Challenge Cost Share Agreement: Wild Brood Stock Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) Contact: Brian Lampman Wildlife Biologist (801) 977-4373 Salt Lake Field Office	Purpose of the agreement is to produce viable populations of LCT, a Federally listed Threatened species, on 2 streams in the Pilot Mountains. A portion of the stream is on private land.	US Fish and Wildlife Service Utah Division Of Wildlife Resources Private parties BLM, SLFO	The partnership brings State and Federal agencies from across the west as well as a private landowner, together in a coordinated effort to perpetuate the LCT, especially to produce viable eggs that can be raised in a Federal hatchery. The effort has been ongoing without any glitches for about 5 years, and is expected to continue for several more.	The streams surface on public lands and support wild populations of the LCT. The lower stream reach of Bettenridge Creek is on private land. In cooperation with all involved, the private land supports three small year round ponds that allow for LCT to grow to 15 pounds. The private land owner manages the water, oxygen content and temperature to keep the fish alive. In the spring all the cooperators return to the ponds and extract eggs from the adult female fish. The eggs are then hatchery raised and the fish are transplanted into streams of historical habitat. The efforts are in an effort to allow recovery of the LCT populations to the point they no longer require protection under the Endangered Species Act.
Cincinnati Museum Center Contact: Laurie J. Bryant (801) 539-4029 Utah State Office	Repository for fossils from BLM lands.	Dr. Glenn Storrs, curator	Museum has new display space to accommodate large dinosaurs and collects actively on BLM lands. Curator eager to work with BLM and salvage difficult specimens.	Completed cleaning and stabilization of the world's best Brontosaurus skull, which is unique in having a lower jaw and in being connected to the only complete neck of this animal ever found. Skull CT scanned and computer-reproduced by Hasbro Co. for study.
Davenport Creek Riparian Fence, Service First Contact: Bill Stroh (435) 781-4400 Vernal Field Office	Design and construct a protective fence encompassing Davenport Creek in the Little Hole area of the upper Green River to restore riparian habitat and stream conditions associated with the Creek to allow for the reintroduction of the Colorado River Cutthroat Trout. Such an action would help to realize the Conservation Strategy for this special status fish.	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources US Forest Service, Ashley National Forest BLM, Vernal Field Office	This partnership exemplifies the goals of the Service First Program, e.g., mutually planned and executed projects beneficial to the resources involved; and, meeting the common goals of both agencies in a highly visible program. Having an interpretive sign at the riparian enclosure fence, which is immediately adjacent to the nationally known upper Green River, will augment the recreation visitors' understanding of western riparian ecology and fisheries management.	The enclosure is scheduled for construction in FY02.

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Energy Development Impacts to Ferruginous Hawks and Their Habitat in the Uinta Basin Contact: Tim Faircloth (435) 781-4400	Document ferruginous hawk habitat requirements in the VFO area relative to rapidly expanding energy development activities; and to assess and quantify impacts to nesting ferruginous hawks from energy development and other human-caused disturbances.	Utah State University Department of Wildlife Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Inland Production Company BLM, Vernal Field Office	Data obtained from this 5-year field study will provide biologists and land managers with scientifically-based data concerning this hawk's habitat requirements and how those requirement may be affected by the demands of energy development, and other human activities. This data may also be applicable to other areas in the western US with similar conflicting land uses.	This year will be the second in this 5-year study. At this point in time it may be too early to discuss significant achievements; however, the very partnership, involving a major Basin oil company as well as UDWR and BLM goes a long way to speak about these entities' willingness to come together to discuss, agree on a strategy, and actively support the outcome of such a strategy. All these efforts should lead to a collaborative, pro-active win-win situation, both for energy and wildlife resources on Myton Bench.
Governor's Trail Initiative Steering Committee Contact: Suzanne Garcia (801) 539-4223 Salt Lake Field Office	This is a subcommittee of the Envision Utah: A Partnership for Quality Growth. This public and private community partnership is dedicated to studying the effects of long-term growth in the Utah. One objective of Envision Utah is to enhance our communities by providing a statewide network of trails to enhance the quality of life with grassroots political support. Ensuring trail and pathway access within 15 minutes of home and work for all Utahans. The mission to provide a perpetual legacy - to continually improve the quality and quantity of motorized and non-motorized trails for health, fitness, recreation, transportation, and social interaction.	National Park Service BLM US Forest Service Utah Division of Parks and Recreation Utah Parks and Recreation Association Utah State University Utah Department of Transportation Divisions of State History and Wildlife Resources	The partnership is exemplary because the trails legacy project enjoys broad based support of time and money from the Governor's Office, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and outstanding local and federal trail programs statewide.	First was to fund, develop, and deliver a statewide resident recreational trail attitude survey. The results of the survey were then presented at seven regional meetings held between November 27 and December 11, 2001. The primary purpose of the meetings was to validate regional differences in the survey findings, validate the resident survey, and develop a knowledgeable, experienced, motivated, and representative constituency for trail advocacy in Utah. Also, residents worked with the committee to establish trail priorities for Governor Leavitt's consideration, pursuant to guiding values. Future plans include the development of reference materials, Steering Committee notes, maps of priority trail projects, a more extensive Tool Box of information for trail developers, and identification of funding sources and grants.

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Interagency Agreement: Regional Wildlife Advisory Councils Utah Contact: Glenn Carpenter Manager (801)977-4300 Salt Lake Field Office	The purpose of the Wildlife Advisory Councils are to allow the public and interested agencies to have input and understanding about proposals by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to manage the wildlife Resources across the State of Utah.	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources BLM USFS Private interests Sportsmen	The partnership allows the public to become a partner in the management of the wildlife resources in Utah. The Advisory Councils entertain wildlife management proposals across a broad spectrum of issues, and allow the public and agencies to discuss and evaluate the options. The end result is the management of wildlife in Utah is the result of not only political and monetary forces, but the wants and needs of the users and the public.	The value of the process is that it has allowed the public and agencies to come to resolution regarding how the wildlife of Utah should be managed. Eventual regulations are formulated with the input of a higher level wildlife board using the recommendations from the Regional Advisory Councils. Two employees from the SLFO, BLM are members of two different Regional Advisory Councils. Meetings are held 10 times each year.
Memorandum of Understanding -Utah Division of Parks and Recreation and Salt Lake Field Office Contact: Britta Laub Outdoor Recreation Planner (801) 977-4389 Salt Lake Field Office	To provide a general framework of cooperation between the above named parties in planning, development, and management of recreation areas within the geographic boundaries of the SLFO.		Under this MOU, representatives from each agency will cooperate and coordinate their efforts to enhance OHV management. Designated representatives meet at least once annually to coordinate agency activities, review projects, prepare agreements, and determine budget needs. Ad hoc team members may be included from both agencies, depending on issues. The MOU identifies communication items to be shared between the designated representatives. These communication items include: 1.) Timely notification to the other party of permitted events, 2.) Notification to the other party of law enforcement activities which may affect the other party, and 3.) Notification to the other party of agency activities which may affect OHV use within the SLFO boundaries. The MOU also calls for the sharing of data regarding recreation resources within the SLFO geographic boundary, whether state or federal in nature; and the involvement of both parties in all planning processes which may affect OHV use within the SLFO boundaries.	Under this umbrella MOU, two Cooperative Agreements have been entered into. The first is an agreement to cooperatively plan, develop, and manage OHV and related use at Fivemile Pass. Through this agreement, State Parks is to provide annual funding to the SLFO as jointly agreed upon in a Annual Operating Plans not to exceed \$200,000 for the life of the agreement (11/05) for the planning, development, management and maintenance of recreational OHV opportunities at Fivemile Pass. The purpose of the second cooperative agreement is to cooperatively plan, develop and manage OHV and related use at the Knolls Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Through this agreement, State Parks funded a level III cultural resources survey on approximately 2,000 acres within areas which are currently receiving a concentration of OHV use, and where trail maintenance may be performed/is desired.

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MOU Arrangements for the Highland, Bear River Divide, U&I, Raft River, Goose Creek and the Square ro Contact: Bill Dragt Range Management Specialist (801) 977-4364 Salt Lake Field Office	Certain geographical regions or specific weed infestations require site specific goals and objectives to address the treatment/eradication of problem weeds.	Partners involve special weed management districts in Idaho Wyoming and Utah and affected private land owners.	These MOU Arrangements provide for site-specific, infestation specific, plans and coordination to establish short and long term objectives and planned actions to treat and eradicate noxious weeds. The partnerships show how individuals and agencies can coordinate on a local basis to address an issue that affects everyone and what everyone needs to do in an effort to eradicate the noxious weeds. It provides for site-specific responsibilities, time frames, and actions necessary for all the cooperators to ensure progress is achieved annually.	These Arrangements have produced groups of interested and actively participating efforts not previously seen in rural parts of Utah. Individuals recognize it is not just a problem for the government, but to have any impact on controlling weeds it requires a coordinated and personal attack on the problem. So, far efforts have identified and treated populations of Leafy Spurge, Canadian Thistle, Dyers Woad, Russian Knapweed, Square rose Knapweed, Black Henbane and St. Johns Wart. Significant accomplishments have been achieved through bio-control through the introduction of beetles and Rust, as well as the use of goats to graze the plants. Chemical applications are also a big part of control efforts.
Natural Resources Coordinating Council: Off Highway Vehicle Interagency Partners Contact: Suzanne Garcia (801) 539-4223 Partners	To formalize a relationship to seek cooperative strategies with which to address the management of off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on Federal, State, Trust lands within the State of Utah.	State of Utah US Forest Service BLM School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration	This partnership is unique in that it is comprised of a collaborative body of natural resource managers and others with associated responsibilities but vastly different policies and missions who seek to collaborate on an array of land management issues unique to the use of off-highway vehicles on public lands in the State of Utah. The goal of the partnership is to provide for appropriate OHV opportunities in Utah as well as ensuring the protection and wise management of natural resources. The challenge is to identify ways to manage the growing OHV use while maintaining the quantity and quality of natural resources that draw the citizens and visitors to Utah's backcountry for meaningful recreational experiences.	The Partners, in cooperation with field Office, counter parts, engaged in an initiative aimed at identifying and mapping OHV hotspots (areas of intense OHV use with associated problems). The initial inventory identified 96 areas scattered throughout the state. Using criteria developed by the Partners, the top 20 hotspots were identified. The objective of this process was to look at areas of concern and address any problems through an interagency effort and work towards solutions throughout the year. The Partners developed a vision statement for the organization and OHV communication theme, logo, and poster. The logo and posters are in use throughout the use across jurisdictional boundaries and have proven to be a very effective and popular ethics tool. A uniform signing protocol has been developed. A series of public service announcements were shown on a local TV station over the period of several weeks.

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Partners Against Weeds Contact: Robert Specht (435) 781-4400	Develop an interagency Weed Management Area(s) covering NE Utah's tri-counties. Aggressively identify, treat, and recover native rangelands currently having noxious weed infestations.	Uintah County Duchesne County Weed Extension Officer's Dinosaur National Monument Ashley National Forest Utah Division of Wildlife Resources BLM Vernal Field Office	The NE Utah Partners Against Weeds will move this year to form a Weed Management Area covering Uintah and Duchesne Counties. Such an effort requires close coordination in funding, time schedules, to effectively realize mutually developed Basin wide goals and objectives.	The NE Utah Partners Against Weeds have consistently exceeded its annual goals and objectives. Nearly double the targeted acres are treated and evaluated; new infestations identified and initially treated. The Partners have a solid database recording and documenting all weed infestations, treatments, evaluations, etc. to create a meaningful multi-agency database for weeds.
Red Creek Watershed Contact: Dean Evans (435) 781-4400	Update and revise as needed the Red Creek Watershed Plan, balancing the habitat requirements to sustain the nationally recognized blue-ribbon trout fisheries in the upper Green River with the sediment requirements to sustain the endangered fishes habitats of the middle Green River through the Uintah Basin.	Ashley National Forest National Resources Conservation Service Utah Division of Wildlife Resources BLM, Rock Springs District and Vernal Field Office Riparian Coalition	This partnership has functioned for the past 3 years, actively studying and formulating management strategies to balance the needs of both clear-water dependent trout fisheries with some level of required sediment for endangered fishes. The partnership has worked cooperatively adjusting individual Office, commitments and resources to achieve agreed-upon work efforts. This partnership has been successful due to the direct involvement of Office, managers and leaders making this effort a high priority management effort.	Installation and monitoring of a gauging station in the Creek. Aggressive removal and treatment of tamarisk and Russian olive trees within the active riparian/floodplain of Red Creek. Planting of desired woody species within the floodplain. Installation of 8 study enclosures within the floodplain to enhance survivability of desired woody species and to monitor the effects of ungulate grazing both of the riparian herbaceous as well as woody species. Management strategies developed will be carried forward into the VFO's ongoing LUP revision.
Resource Assessments Contact: Bill Stroh (435) 781-4400 Vernal Field Office	Three resource assessments are underway to provide baseline data for inclusion in the ongoing Vernal Field Office, land use plan (LUP) revision.	Utah State University, Uintah Basin Branch Campus Dept. of Wildlife NE Region of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources BLM, Vernal Field Office	Three individual field assessments are currently underway involving animal species of concern to the State of Utah. These assessments, under the Colorado Plateau CESU aegis, will provide critically needed baseline data for VFO's ongoing LUP revision. The 3 assessments deal with: Muledeer, greater sage grouse, and raptor species habitats associated with areas currently involved in heavy energy exploration and development. The baseline information will provide data for inclusion in management alternatives to be analyzed in the accompanying EIS	Baseline data resulting from the assessments will be factored into habitat and population modeling efforts, cumulative impacts, mitigating measures and ultimately stipulations under the various management alternatives of the VFO LUP-with opportunities for win-win situations - e.g., actions and strategies sufficient to prevent listing of these species or to aid substantially in their recovery, while meeting the Administration's energy mandates.

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Road Maintenance Responsibilities Between the BLM Salt Lake Field Office and Tooele and Box Elder Co Contact: Gary Weiser Operations Chief (801) 977-4330 Salt Lake Field Office	Memorandum of Understanding cooperate to combine the use of equipment and expertise to maintain roads on the public lands as identified in the Transportation Plan.		Under these MOU's, representatives from these agencies will coordinate to plan needed road maintenance in the rural portions of Box Elder and Tooele counties. The planning also includes the identification of equipment available, times when it is available, and road maintenance sections that are most readily completed without regard to landownership. In this approach, the cost per mile to maintain roads is reduced, the time needed to maintain the roads is reduced and the most effective use of equipment is realized.	With hundreds of miles of dirt roads to maintain each year, it has made perfect sense to look at the primary objective of the task, maintain roads. When the issue of whose equipment does what and when, and how much time is spent leap frogging across the desert to maintain isolated tracts of roads, is replaced by, how can the most roads be maintained in the least time and for the least cost, progress is measured in not only miles maintained but in the time and money saved.
Southern Utah Planning Authorities Council Contact: Jerry Meredith (425) 586-2491	Coordinate between City, County, State and Federal organizations with planning authority in the five Counties of Southwest Utah so that our planning efforts have the least amount of conflict. Also seek consistency and cooperation in project level planning.	City of Kanab City of St. George Garfield County Kane County Washington County Iron County Beaver County Utah Department of Agriculture Utah Department of Natural Resources Utah Department of Transportation Utah Department of Community and Economic Development Utah Department of Environmental Quality School and Institutional Trust Lands Governor's Office US Forest Service BLM NPS Bureau of Reclamation FWS Corps of Engineers Bureau of Indian Affairs Natural Resources Conservation Service	This group has found numerous opportunities to cooperate and coordinate on land use plans, activity plans, and special projects. Water use and development, endangered species, wild and scenic rivers, scenic highways and byways are just some of the examples of areas where these entities have worked together.	Perhaps the most significant is an interagency, statewide approach to wild and scenic rivers inventory and evaluations. They have also worked on a major water development and recreation complex that involved Washington County, Washington County Water Conservancy District, Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, State Water Engineer, State Parks and other.

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State of Utah Department of Natural Resources Utah State Department of Air Quality Utah Valley State Contact: Sheldon Wimmer (801) 539-4091	Fire Management Coordination.	Utah Department of Natural Resources - Forestry and Fire Management; Smoke Management Utah Department of Air Quality Utah Fire and Rescue Academy	The cooperation between Utah BLM and the State of Utah goes back over twenty two years. The BLM and State of Utah fire programs assisted each other in many ways. This program has worked smoothly in many very difficult situations. A spirit of respect for each other's mission and task have highlighted the spirit of the 4 Cs. Utah BLM and the State of Utah worked together to establish the Smoke Coordinator Position. The BLM help fund the development of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.	A. Rural Fire Assistance - The State and Utah BLM working closely together transferred \$760,000 to 133 fire departments. B. Interagency fire centers that truly represent the State and Federal Agencies. The first being in 1980 with the establishment of the Salt Lake Interagency Fire Center. C. Assistance to the State of Utah for over \$1 Million during FY 2000. D. Smoke Coordination and reporting of data on an internet based system FY 2000 E. Over time BLM has provided instructors and funding to train wildland fire fighters that assist in wildland fire support to BLM. Over three hundred departments have been assisted..
University of Utah Museum of Natural History Contact: Laurie J. Bryant (801) 539-4029 Utah State Office	Repository for fossils from BLM lands.	Dr. Scott Sampson, curator	Museum showcases BLM specimens in displays, has world-class staff, has graduate program in paleontology, and attracts many visiting researchers.	Renovation of collections area. Used modern techniques and materials to conserve BLM's Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry specimens, collected over past 60 years.

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Upper Green River Management Contact: Craig Trinkle (435) 781-4400	Provide quality river and recreation management on the Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam to the Utah-Colorado state line.	USFS, Ashley National Forest BLM, Vernal Field Office	This partnership (and BLM recreation fee demo project) has worked successfully for the past 5 years. Agencies administer guides and outfitters' permits, provide on-the-ground projects to meet/exceed publics' expectations while in the river corridor, and provide federal presence on the river. Mutual benefits to both agencies include: elimination of redundant administrative procedures, realization of needed on-the-ground projects; continuation of positive working relationships with guides and outfitters; maintenance of high quality recreation experiences, while sustaining those resource values which make this stretch of the Green River suitable and eligible as a recreational river under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.	1. Provided sound and consistent management of the river corridor 2. Effective administration of the outfitters and guides permits to a) control illegal outfitters and guides, b) maintain and sustain high quality national fisheries habitats and recreation experiences associated with the river corridor
Utah Geological Survey Contact: Laurie J. Bryant (801) 539-4029 Utah State Office	Repository for paleontological locality data, maps, and images.	Dr. James Kirkland, state paleontologist Martha Hayden	UGS converts BLM paleontological locality data from hardcopy to electronic format, and searches its database on request. BLM and consultants use this data in planning and NEPA compliance.	Increased coordination between UGS and BLM results in consistent treatment of fossils on public lands and the ability to predict occurrences of scientifically significant specimens. These can be evaluated before they are damaged by surface disturbance.
Utah Valley Archaeological Agreement with Brigham Young University Contact: Laird Naylor Archaeologist (801) 977-4357 Salt Lake Field Office	The purpose is to further archaeological research in Utah County.	Laird Naylor Archaeologist (801) 977-4357 Salt Lake Field Office	This supports both BYU's goals and the BLM goals for this area of the state.	The partnership has been in place for over a decade with other partners including the USFS and the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society. Accomplishments include the recording of numerous sites, archaeological excavations, and professional publications that highlight BLM accomplishments.

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Virgin River Resource Management and Recovery Program <u>Contact:</u> Jim Crisp (435) 688-3201 St. George Field Office	To promote the recovery of state and federally listed fish species in the Virgin River Basin.	State of Utah (DNR) USF&WS BLM Washington County National Park Service Grand Canyon Trust	The partnership brings together local, state, and federal agencies and private interests that have capability for achieving species recovery. Action plans and funding mechanisms are now in place for significant progress on the river with all partners contributing.	The final program document and NEPA analysis were completed in late 2001. The program has organized a Director's Office, with a local coordinator to work with community agencies and groups. Annual work plans have approved numerous on-the-ground projects for completion this year to eradicate non-native predator fish, conduct essential studies, and achieve recovery objectives.
Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) <u>Contact:</u> Jim Crisp (435) 688-3201 St. George Field Office	To promote the recovery of the desert tortoise and other listed species in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve north of St. George, Utah.	Washington County BLM State of Utah (DNR) USF&WS Other participating municipalities	A highly successful HCP has been created on the urban interface that preserves critical habitat, open space, and important watershed next to a growing metropolitan area. Planning was completed in 2001 using community-based principles that achieved buy-in from affected user groups. Participants have embraced common goals for long-term solutions to community-wide issues.	BLM has acquired over 7000 acres of urban interface property within the Reserve worth over \$54 million. Significant unauthorized intrusions have been eliminated and impacts from recreation controlled to protect the species. UDWR has now declared the tortoise populations stable. Thousands of acres of habitat in the urban development zone have been cleared of animals to allow orderly development of private properties. Taken animals are being successfully relocated to a translocation zone after being screened for and cleared of disease.

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Cultural Heritage Program Data Sharing and Management Contact: Tim Nowak Cultural Heritage State Program Lead (307)775-6035 Wyoming State Office	Long term partnership (8 years) with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, (SHPO) for Data Sharing and Management. Under the National Historic Preservation Act the SHPO for each state is responsible for maintaining a statewide cultural resources database. BLM also has requirements to maintain cultural resource data on BLM-administered public land. The purpose of the partnership was to develop a single integrated database, using the same consistent data format and data entry, that is fully accessible by both partners but managed by the SHPO.	Mary Hopkins, Deputy SHPO, Cultural Records John Keck, Director of Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites Tim Nowak, Wyoming BLM Cultural Heritage State Program Lead Patrick Madigan, Wyoming BLM Director GIS/Mapping Science Section	This partnership is through a 1:1 ratio cost share that has succeeded in building a complete integrated cultural resources database system from the ground up. The system is accessible by BLM cultural resource specialists from desktop computers as well as allowing input of BLM data from remote locations. Additionally, the partners have succeeded in inputting over 40 years of paper data into the database including digital GIS spatial data and image data. Through the partnership, BLM and SHPO continue to improve the system, linking the database with cultural repository collections data and continuing to add cultural resource GIS data on a daily bases. This system has become indispensable for planning and day-to-day compliance inventory work. During the recent shutdown of internet access, BLM's SHPO partner has made every effort to supply BLM with the needed data through mailings or faxing of hardcopy data.	Developed Statewide standardized database forms now used by all federal, state agencies, and private contracting agencies. Developed a complete integrated database system that allows both partners to access the data remotely. Developed data standards. Completed input of over 40 years of paper data while keeping new data current. Successful in adding GIS spatial data as well as image data to the database.
GIS Watershed Mapping Project Contact: Rick Schuler Soil, Water & Air Program lead (307) 775-6092 Wyoming State Office	To determine protocol and procedures and delineate 5th and 6th level watersheds for Wyoming. The dataset will be used by BLM for its planning and management purposes and the State for its water quality program.		Partners discussed this project for over 5 years but hesitated due to cost and complexities in preparing such a GIS product. Due to the BLM's watershed initiative, Clean Water Action Plan and the State's water quality program, agency managers committed significant resources to create this dataset.	Partners just completed a complex, state-wide project in 2 years for less than \$300,000 establishing Wyoming as the first state to submit this dataset for final certification.

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Grazing Consortium Contact: Mark Gorges Wyoming State Fish Program Lead (307) 775-6100 Wyoming State Office	Consortium of grazing permittees for conservation.	State conservation districts Wyoming Game & Fish Department Trout Unlimited	This project highlights federal and private interaction to address and solve an issue of common concern. Implementation of most projects on the ground can only proceed with close coordination with grazing permittees. Cooperation is highlighted by the wide variety of partners involved with individual projects.	The Muddy Creek Coordinated Resource Management Project exemplifies the BLM's role in conducting habitat-based, ecological and biological research that will ultimately provide science-based guidance on land use decisions. The Rawlins Field Office, in south-central Wyoming in conjunction with the Muddy Creek Coordinated Resource Management partners, initiated a project in FY 2001 to identify pertinent life history information of several special status fishes (bluehead sucker, flannelmouth sucker, and roundtail chub) that are thought to be declining and, in some cases, disappearing throughout their range. Several conservation groups have indicated their intentions to petition these species for listing under the ESA. These studies were initiated in response to expanding energy commitments related to coal bed methane development. Pilot work in 2001 defined the distribution and habitat use of the three sensitive fishes, along with other fishes native to the watershed. Future work will include radio marking and tracking of fish to define the reproductive behaviors of native fishes and quantify the relative importance of habitat types. Genetic sampling will also allow the BLM and project cooperators to develop nuclear markers to genetically identify fishes to quantify the degree of hybridization, a potential threat to the viability of small and isolated populations. These two separate efforts would permit BLM to play a lead role in the proactive development of conservation strategies for these three fishes, thereby hopefully precluding listing under the ESA.

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Noxious Weed Management Bighorn Basin Exotic Plant Steering Committee Contact: Ken Henke Noxious Weed and HAZMAT Program Lead (307) 775-6041 Wyoming State Office	The steering committee is providing a unified effort to develop a public awareness program, prevention program and a common inventory, mapping, monitoring and reporting procedure for noxious weeds. Wyoming 1:24,000 scale GIS watershed mapping project for riparian and watershed management on public lands. Involves BLM, University of Wyoming, Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality, and USDA.	BLM U.S. Forest Service County Weed and Pest Districts Bureau of Reclamation BIA USDA-APHIS Yellowstone National Park University of Wyoming Wyoming Game and Fish Department General public	Due to the commitment and dedication of all agencies involved in the Steering Committee, there is a very focused approach to how noxious weeds are being addressed in the Bighorn Basin of Wyoming. Every agency and the public are stakeholders and involved in some capacity. This cooperative effort has resulted in thousands of acres of weed infested land being restored back to a healthy ecosystem. The unprecedented success of this steering committee is a show case example of how partnerships can be organized and achieve success.	A written management plan that addresses all actions concerning noxious weeds in the Bighorn Basin. Development of eight special weed management areas. A unified understanding of the goals and objectives of weed management in the Bighorn Basin.
Red Creek Project Contact: Vicki Herren Fire Ecologist (307) 775-6120 Wyoming State Office	After purchasing the base property, private land owner Adam Lerrick, approached BLM to work together to improve the health of the land in the Red Creek Watershed on the on the Wyoming/Utah state line. Wyoming Game and Fish Department cooperated with: funding to complete prescribed fires; time to design projects and monitor vegetation; and labor to build structures and fences. The Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation provided funding and labor, and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters helped to plant trees and shrubs.	BLM private landowners Wyoming Game and Fish Department Southwest Wyoming Mule Deer Foundation Big Brothers and Big Sisters	The private landowner made a strong commitment to improve conditions by not grazing for the duration of the habitat improvement projects, providing funding for project implementation (\$13,000) and changing the type of operation from cow/calf when goals are met. The other partners have continued to meet and communicate regularly during the project.	Colorado River Cutthroat trout, a petitioned species, that previously used only the headwaters of Red Creek have moved into lower reaches of the main stream and up into three tributary streams. Prescribed fires have been completed on 8000 acres. Native trees and shrubs were planted streamside and beaver were reintroduced. Leopard frogs and moose have been found using the area for the first time in many years. Mule deer and elk numbers have also increased in the watershed. This project is also having benefiting effects on the BLM Vernal Field Office, Utah side of the line.

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Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite Contact: Dale Hanson Paleontology Program Lead (307) 775-6052 Wyoming State Office	Scientific research and public visitation.	University of Wyoming Indiana University Dartmouth College Smithsonian Institution South Dakota School of Mines and Technology University of Colorado Rocky Mountain College National Science and Technology Center BLM, Worland Field Office, Wyoming State Office Multiple partners working with the BLM in the management and scientific research gathering on a dinosaur tracksite in the Big Horn Basin ,Wyoming.	Involves scientists, interest groups and BLM in research, management, recreational visitation and public education of a rare dinosaur tracksite area.	Scientists have presented several scientific papers in print or at conferences. Over 10,000 people have visited the site in the last two years. Redefined some long-held geologic assumptions for the area.
Southwest Wyoming Energy Biologist Position Contact: Dave Roberts Wildlife Program Lead (307) 775-6035 Wyoming State Office	Cooperative position between BLM, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Oil and Gas Industry. The biologist position is intended to monitor and help resolve any conflicts that may occur between the oil and gas development actions occurring in southwest Wyoming and wildlife resources endemic to the area. Kevin Rumpola, the biologist filling the position, is the principle party of the effort, with support from several different agencies and entities.		This is a cooperative biologist position supported by the BLM, Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the oil and gas industry. Each of these entities often have different philosophical positions and functional needs for the resources of the area. Because of their varying interests, it is exemplary to have these parties working together in a pro-active manner for the interests of the natural resources and the American public.	The position is in its second year of existence. The biologist has spent many hours gathering information to help best locate development facilities such that they will be least impacting on the resident wildlife resources. The biologist has also suggested and helped design some aspects of the development such that they will be compatible with the other in situ resource values.

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America's Backyard: Exploring Your Public Lands Contact: David Mensing ordmensing@nm.net 505-345-9498	Public lands are one of America's great treasures. Nearly one-third of the nation belongs to its citizens, national inheritance unparalleled in the world. As the nation's urban and suburban populations expand, public lands and open spaces become ever more important to our quality of life. In spite of the importance of public lands, they are unknown to millions of Americans. America's Backyard will address this issue by focusing national attention on our public estate through the creation of a series of educational outreach projects and through the adventures of two groups of travelers who will traverse the public lands northland south, staying on public lands for the entire way. Large-scale media and outreach efforts associated with the trek and the educational elements will provide an opportunity for broad national exposure about the role and relevancy of public lands in our lives.	Key members include National Geographic Society, Public Lands Interpretive Association, BLM, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Army Corps of Engineers. Numerous other organizations are participating at various levels including National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Tread lightly and Leave No Trace, National Science Teachers Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, American Petroleum Institute, National Wildlife Federation, Western States Tourism Policy Council, and many others. BLM involvement in a major partnership with the Public Lands Interpretive Association, National Geographic Society, and the other federal land managing agencies in a national education project. This project is the combination of two programs which have now been merged into one larger program. The individual programs are American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, conceived by the Public Lands Interpretive Association, and Geography Action! 2002, an ongoing program of the National Geographic Society. The combined program is currently titled Geography Action! 2002, America's Backyard: Exploring Your Public Lands.	BLM, WO-250, has been involved in American Frontiers (now America's Backyard) from its inception nearly 2 years ago. BLM contributed to the project financially, providing initial seed money to get the project started, and provided a full time staff person beginning in January 1999 to present. BLM has a long-standing relationship with PLIA involving projects spanning over 15 years. The BLM WO has a national agreement with PLIA and is working on a specific MOU for American Frontiers. BLM supports the goals of the project and sees value in continuing this support. As the project evolves, BLM will continue to play a significant role in the development of the overall project and will likely continue to support the loaned staff position, as well as contribute educational materials and field staff support to the project as it proceeds. BLM and all the public land managing agencies stand to benefit greatly from the exposure and educational goals associated with the project. As one of the only current financial supporters, BLM support is largely responsible for the success of the project to this point. The partnership with National Geographic has added a crucial element to the project by providing a significant delivery system for the educational messages and has added credibility to the overall project.	Education is the most important aspect of America's Backyard. Although the overall educational goals are targeted to a broad national audience, the educational emphasis centers around National Geographic Society's Geography Action! 2002 program. At the recommendation of American Frontiers, the theme for Geography Action 2002 is Public Lands. This time tested program involves a national network of teachers and educators and has successfully reached thousands of K-12 school children and their families. American Frontiers, several divisions within National Geographic, Bureau of Land Management, and other project partners (other agencies and organizations) will be involved in the development of the educational elements. Planned elements include: web based educational classroom resources and activities, printed support materials, teacher training, companion magazine pieces, and an online public lands museum. Planned Trek related educational elements include: back country classrooms, en-route education outreach, web based trek following and daily reports, a filmed documentary, weekly updates on National Geographic Today, and updates on National Public Radio's Radio Expeditions. A major component of America's Backyard is the public lands trek. In August of 2002, two teams of four people will start simultaneously from the Mexican and Canadian borders, traversing more than 2,600 miles, staying on public lands the entire way. They will travel on foot, horseback, mountain bike, ATVs and off road motorcycles, in canoes, white water rafts, motorboats, and four wheel drive vehicles. The Trek crosses six states including New Mexico Arizona Utah Wyoming Idaho and Montana. In appropriate locations along the way, special local, community-based events and media activities are planned. A dedication ceremony and the unveiling of a small monument will take place where the two teams meet on September 28th, 2002, National Public Lands Day, in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest near Salt Lake City. The ceremony will be followed by a large Public Lands Day celebration planned nearby. The route has been identified, and work has begun to acquire necessary permits, support equipment, and team members.

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Co-operative Management Agreement Contact: Jim Goodbar	Provide for a more direct, efficient and cost-effective means of cave resource management on public lands in New Mexico by providing an opportunity for volunteers of the Southwest Region (SWR) of the National Speleological Society (NSS) to participate in BLM cave management in along-term collaborative effort.	National Speleological Society, Southwest Region BLM	The partnership was originally signed in 1985 and has been renewed each 5 years since then. Over the past 17 years this partnership has solidified the efforts, cooperation, and collaboration of the caving community and the BLM. It has been the focal point of our cave management volunteer program and provided a base from which to work through controversial issues.	Participating as part of a management team focused on cave and karst issues and concerns. Conducting long term bat population monitoring studies Conducting cave inventories, and resource identification studies Providing cave locations and cave maps vital to cave mgmt. Writing cave management plans. Providing assistance during Resource Management Plan (RMP) development of planning issues. Assisting with Oil & Gas land use clearances Aiding in Environmental Education and interpretive projects. Conducting cave restoration projects Assisting or conducting cave research projects Promoting cave conservation on public lands
Interagency Wild & Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council Contact: Gary G. Marsh (202) 452-7795 WO-172	National interagency forum which identifies issues, facilitates resolution & coordination, and increases awareness and consistent implementation of the WSR Act.	BLM NPS FWS USFS	Chartered by USDA Under Secretary & DOI Assistant Secretaries on 4/5/95; evaluated in May 1995 and so successful was decided to continue; model and prototype for interagency cooperation, consultation, communication for the consistent application of the WSR Act	Interagency WSR Reference Guide (internet accessible). Training & network source for WSR issues/expertise. National brochure/map and educational materials. Sponsor of workshops, symposia, and WSR forums. Cost efficient within national performance review criteria. Provide technical assistance in WSR issue resolution.

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Least Resistance Training Concepts, Inc. Pacific Wild Horse Club Lifesavers, Inc. Contact: Janet Nordin 775 861-6614	The partnership with the three identified stakeholders form the Wild Horse and Burro Mentor Group. The purpose of the mentor group is to enhance customer service by offering assistance and guidance to new wild horse and burro adopters.	Willis Lamm 925 625-1831	The Volunteer Mentor Program is a grass-roots effort, initiated by the public, to assist the Federal Government with the Wild Horse and Burro Program. The program was designed to allow and encourage public participation with the Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program. The goal of the mentors is to increase successful adoptions to the general public and ensure quality care of the adopted wild horse or burro. Novice wild horse and burro adopters are often overwhelmed with the responsibilities and issues involved in adopting and caring for a wild horse or burro. They are uncertain as to how to begin a training regime, what to feed, and where to go for veterinarian care. The Volunteer Mentor Program offers assistance, guidance and provides for a broad-based public support system.	Significant accomplishments in the Volunteer Mentor Program was increasing the number of mentors to over 500 individuals across the nation, thereby, providing an expanded service to the general public and our customer base. Annual workshops are held to assist the new adopter in understanding the needs of their adopted animal and how to best fill those needs. Registration for the workshop continues to increase as more of our customers become familiar with the mentor program.

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Leave No Trace Contact: Stewart L. Jacobson	Memorandum of Understanding (dated 2000): Leave No Trace promotes and inspires responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. Working together, we build a conservation ethic that protects natural lands and outdoor recreation experiences. Leave No Trace, Inc. shares a unique partnership with the four federal land management agencies, the USFS, BLM, NPS and USFWS.	USFS - Jim Miller BLM - Stewart L. Jacobson NPS - Wes Henry USFWS - Doug Staller Leave No Trace Inc. - Dana Watts	Leave No Trace is an internationally recognized outdoor ethics program of significant influence and importance to the American public. It is a rare occasion when all four federal agencies work together like they do in this program! There are no boundaries or hidden agenda's. Everyone works cooperatively to achieve the desired goal of minimizing impacts on public lands! Leave No Trace, Inc. and their staff provide materials and training and Subaru sponsored "Traveling Trainer Teams" to assist in conveying this important message to every person enjoying public lands today. In the past six years, Leave No Trace has worked to unite more than 300 private and public organizations. Partners including outdoor manufacturers, retailers and guides, educators, user groups, schools, individuals and the federal agencies. Working together, we are reaching 22 million outdoor enthusiasts annually through training and outreach. These partners are empowering people to care for the lands they love. With minimum impact education, not regulation, Leave No Trace is helping to mitigate resource damage.	Master of Leave No Trace: To unify and ensure consistency of the federal agencies and private partners messages a "Masters of Leave No Trace" program was established through the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Since it's inception in 1991, over 1,400 "masters" have been trained. (BLM has 124 Masters within the agency) Establishment of State and Regional Coordinators: BLM, NPS and USFS have established state and regional coordinators respectively to ensure interagency coordination and cooperation for all training and outreach. BLM's State Leave No Trace Coordinators are our "Champions" who keep the program moving forward. Annual Federal Agency Coordinator Meeting: Each of the federal agency national coordinators and their state and regional coordinators meet once each year to update one another on progress within the program and recognize their outstanding coordinator of the year. The meeting also provides an opportunity to reinvigorate everyone and provide a common focus and direction for the program. Educational Material Updates: Nine of the 16 Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics Booklets, covering all types of environments and recreation activities have been revised to include the latest research findings and techniques for minimum impact camping. Education Review Committee: prepared new curricula and update of training guidelines.

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Memorandum of Understanding <u>Contact:</u> Jim Goodbar	Enhanced management and protection of cave and karst resources through the participation of volunteers of the National Speleological Society (NSS) and the Cave Research Foundation (CRF).	BLM National Speleological Society Cave Research Foundation	The partnership has been in place for 18 years, signed in 1984. It formalized a good working relationship and recognized our common goals for the future of cave resources management. It has been the catalyst for numerous additional partnership agreements at the regional and local levels. It has provided the base from which 10's of thousands of volunteer hours have been donated in support of BLM's Cave and Karst Management Program.	Gives formal recognition of our working relationship at the national level and elevates the contributions of our partners to the needs of the BLM Cave and Karst Management Program. Provided BLM with a base document from which to tier other regional and local assistance agreements such as Co-operative Management Agreements, Volunteer Agreements, and Co-operative Agreements. Served as a base to enable BLM's involvement and sponsorship of the National Cave & Karst Management Symposia. Provided a guideline for other agencies (NPS & USFS) to develop similar agreements
National Public Lands Day Partnership <u>Contact:</u> Bibi Booth (202) 452-5093 WO-650	To facilitate recruitment of volunteers, communications, event promotion and publicity, and creation and distribution of educational materials for annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) celebration (last Saturday of September).	BLM National Park Service U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Defense U.S. Forest Service Tennessee Valley Authority U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (national NPLD coordinator) Public Lands Foundation Leave No Trace	NPLD allows those who use and enjoy the public lands to gain a sense of shared stewardship through unique opportunities to restore and enhance places that are of value to all Americans. The NPLD Partners work for common goals in an atmosphere of mutual support. Together, they have been able to maximize the benefits of scant fiscal resources and to streamline their approaches along the way. The cooperation and dedication of these partners has fostered the growth of nationwide public enthusiasm for NPLD.	Since its inception in 1994, National Public Lands Day has grown from a work day that took place at only three BLM-administered sites into a true nationwide event involving numerous Federal and non-Federal partners. In 2000, the NPLD Partnership received a Vice-Presidential Hammer Award in recognition of its "achievement of results Americans care about." Thanks to the steady growth of the NPLD program, in 2001 alone National Public Lands Day enlisted the efforts of approximately 60,000 volunteers at 375 sites across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and even extended into U.S. military bases in Japan and Germany. President George W. Bush recognized National Public Lands Day 2001 by formal proclamation, as did the Governors of 30 states. It is estimated that \$8 million in improvements to the public lands were accomplished on NPLD 2001 alone — work that could not have been performed without the NPLD Partnership and NPLD volunteers.

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National Renewable Energy Labs (NREL) Contact: Doug Dahle Senior Project Leader Federal Energy Management Program 303-384-7513 Lee Otteni 505-599-8911 Mike Kirby 303-236-6491 1617 Cole Boulevard Golden CO 80401-3393 ST-100	NREL is heavily involved in research and development of renewable energy resources including inventory of those resources. NREL is partnering with BLM to assist in identification of renewable energy resource potential on BLM lands. This information is needed for BLM's land use planning efforts. The entire staff at NREL's Golden facility may be of assistance in completing BLM's tasks in the President's Energy Plan		NREL is considered to be the leading source of inventory and technical information on renewable energy resources.	Initial meetings have resulted in development of a draft MOU to facilitate exchange of renewable energy resource inventory data needed for input into BLM's high priority land use plans. A meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2002 to begin development of 'screens' to aid in identifying areas of highest potential for wind resource development on BLM lands.

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National Trails Training Partnership (NTTP) Contact: Deb Salt (909) 697-5309 WO-250	The partnership enjoins all to promote trails training and trails resource information exchange through a single clearinghouse with a focused mission.	BLM- Deb Salt USFS- Jim Miller NPS- Steve Elkinton FHWA- Christopher Douwes USFWS- Debbie Steen American Hiking Society American Motorcyclists Association American Trails Back Country Horsemen of America International Mountain Bicycling Association Leave No Trace Incorporated National Association of State Trail Administrators National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council Partnership for the National Trail System Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Student Conservation Association Tread Lightly! Western Trail Builders Association	This partnership not only crosses the boundaries of several federal agencies at the national level, but 13 national private/ non-profit trail associations and organizations, including representation from 50 States. The partnership enjoins all to promote trails training and trails resource information exchange through a single clearinghouse with a focused mission, regardless of the type of trail activity involved. It brings together motorized, non-motorized and human-powered recreationists, and the federal agencies charged with managing these activities, into a focused, positive working partnership to ensure that trail groups, volunteers, trail managers and staff are provided with the information they need to perform quality trail work for trails of all kinds. The agencies and members of NTTP have been engaged in providing trail training and trails resource information, but now use the strength of the partnership to promote collaboration, promote good land stewardship, prevent duplication and reach well beyond the boundaries encountered working individually.	Development of a Partnership Agreement by 13 trail organizations signed last fall, detailing the roles and responsibilities and mission of the members. Development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the federal agencies to promote trails training opportunities and trails resource information exchange (goal to be signed by June 1, 2002- National Trails Day). National Trails Training Partnership clearinghouse website, hosted by American Trails, which details a calendar of trail events, training and workshops as well as a wealth of trail resource information. Funding from FHWA, BLM and other agencies to American Trails on existing cooperative agreements to further the dissemination of trails training and trails resource information. Rotating advisory leadership role provided by a federal agency and a private trail organization each year. Gateway event held at the National Trail Symposium in Redding California 9-2000 Formation of several teams, comprised of members or advisors who actively work on topics needing research, reporting and action. NTTP members linked to the development of the new Trails Management Course produced by the BLM and USFS.
Partnership with the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Contact: Amy Galperin National Lead for Interpretation (303) 239-3960	To enhance the training opportunities and resources materials for BLM interpreters and staff involved with interpretation products		NAI brings the top people in the interpretive professional together for exchanging ideas and information on the newest techniques or research results in interpretation. Good interpretation helps strengthen people's understanding of resource conservation, BLM management programs and creates opportunities to consult with the community in developing interpretive products.	NAI has sponsored national and regional workshops, special training sessions and produces publications which share information on interpretation. Through this partnership BLM staff more effectively helps the public conserve public lands resources, cooperates on interpretive projects and increases BLM's communication with the general public. BLM staff consults with NAI members to find out the most effective ways to accomplish BLM mission through interpretation and interpretive products.

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Project Archaeology Contact: Jeanne Moe at MT State University	Collaborate in the development of educational materials for teachers to introduce their students to America's diverse cultural heritage as seen through archaeological resources	BLM The Watercourse, Inc., MT State University	Improvement of BLM's successful Project Archaeology program through collaboration with Watercourse's 50 State network of teachers, their proven ability to attract nongovernmental investments and record of developing highly successful, attractive educational materials for teachers, students.	
River Management Society National Partnership Contact: Gary G. Marsh (202) 452-7795 WO-172	Develop & promote professional river management techniques, influence public policy, education, forum for information sharing, protection & sound management of North America's rivers	Key members include federal, state, local agency employees; educators; researchers, consultants; dedicated organizations & private sector citizens	The only national nonprofit professional society dedicated to the promotion and collaboration of river management issues and service to those in the profession.	Hosted 6 biennial symposiums (1992-2002). Sponsor of agency and/or river management workshops. Development of 5 year strategy and vision Interactive list server, website, membership directory. Key source for technical river management consultation. Quarterly newsletter, calendar of events Rivers 2000/Pass the Paddle Event - 50,000 participants.
Science partnership with the USGS and BLM Contact: Lee Barkow National Science and Technology Center	To facilitate scientific collaboration and cooperation between the two bureaus.	Tom Casadevall, USGS Central Region Director Doug Buffington, USGS Western Region Director Lee Barkow, BLM National Science and Technology Center Director John Haugh, BLM Science Coordinator	The USGS is designated as the lead science bureau within the Department. The BLM relies on the USGS as a primary provider of scientific information for our land management activities. This partnership will bring together the Bureau's management needs and the technical expertise of the USGS scientists to provide the science the Bureau needs. It also provides an opportunity for the Bureau to broker its financial resources through cost-sharing initiatives with the USGS	The BLM and USGS have recently developed five projects working with the managers of three NLCS units in the state of Colorado. In addition, another project is being proposed in Utah. A Mancos shale workshop will be co-sponsored this summer in Grand Junction, Colorado. Additional work is being conducted in Oregon Nevada California Alaska and Arizona to name a few. The Bureau regularly meets with the USGS and discusses science needs and opportunities. The USGS is a full member of the Bureau's Science Coordination Committee. The USGS has placed a full time liaison with the Bureau located at the National Science and Technology Center in Denver.

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Seeds of Success in cooperation with the Royal Botanic Gardens (RBG) Kew Millennium Seed Bank Project Contact: Carol Spurrier 202-452-7736 WO-230	The purpose of this partnership is to make additional native plant species from BLM lands available for restoration projects and native plant materials development, and to place seed from BLM lands in long term storage for conservation.	Current and potential partners include RBG, Kew, CPC, SER, PCA, NFWF, TNC, native plant societies, UDSA, and private industry growers.	The Millennium Seed Bank is an international project sponsored by the worlds largest and most well known botanic garden. BLM is the only agency currently coordinating with RBG, Kew in the United States. The USA is one of 12 countries participating. Native Plant Material development is a new program for BLM being administered by the Bureaus 63 botanists and botany program contacts. This programs success depends upon our ability to work with other agencies, non-federal partners and volunteers and our ability to communicate within BLM to be successful.	RBG, Kew donated \$72,500 to the project in 2001, and will donate again in 2002. Agreements have been signed with the Student Conservation Association, to provide 5 student teams of collectors in different states and field Offices. At least Three Center for Plant Conservation Botanic Gardens in the United States will help collect seeds for Seeds of Success in 2002. The Society for Ecological Restoration has consulted with BLM and other partners to determine the target species for collection. A seed collection training class has been developed at BLM's NTC and will be piloted in Arizona in August. A web site and data management system are underdevelopment for the project, and will be hosted by the Plant Conservation Alliance. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has approved a challenge grant of \$226,000 to help develop and implement the program.
Student Conservation Association: Weed and Fire Partnerships Contact: Elizabeth Rieben (weeds) 202-452-5197 Pat Durland (fire) 208-387-5162 WO-650 National Interagency Fire Center	These programs place student interns at BLM field Office,s to work with community groups and schools to conduct extensive community education and outreach programs on invasive plants and/or fire - work that BLM field staff would not have time/staff to do otherwise.	Student Conservation Association BLM Other groups and/or agencies, vary with each field site	These programs strengthen community ties to BLM as they increase general awareness of invasive plant and fire issues and what individuals, schools and groups can do, working with BLM, to benefit their own back yard. These programs consistently attract positive press coverage for BLM in local and national news. (I.e. The L.A. Times covered the fire program in an article, Agency Takes a Youthful Approach to Fire Safety in the West, August 6, 2001)	Interns at Fort Ord, California conducted a comprehensive community education and outreach program that included developing a web-based weed curriculum for teachers, making direct contact with more than 2,400 people in the community, supervising more than a dozen volunteer days, and conducting field trips and classroom presentations for 28 schools and other community and youth groups. A project in Cody, Wyoming reported similar accomplishments. FY2002 weed projects are scheduled for Salem, Oregon (Willamette Basin Restoration Initiative) and Cottonwood, Idaho (Lower Salmon River Initiative). Two Nevada fire crews conducted similar outreach programs, focusing on fire wise practices and fire ecology. They also conducted fire safety inspections of homes in 2001.

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The Partnership Series Contact: Charles Pregler Charles_Pregler@tc.blm.gov 602-906-5504 National Training Center	To increase our ability to deliver a set of training classes and pre / post class services all designed to support the idea of community based collaborative stewardship. Courses are designed and delivered with multiple federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, university, consultant and citizen involvement.	BLM National Training Center National Association of Resource Conservation Development Councils, Inc.	A public / private business partnership that: Supports community involvement, communication and consultation in Planning at field Office, levels Builds community advocacy for BLM, activities and funding Builds capacity in community to work together, share and obtain new resources Creates capacity for many types of land management actions Increases partnering capacity to meet community needs in land use decisions Multi year funding and carryover ability Strives to be financially self sustaining Leverages training \$ two to three fold Creates capacity for additional training and services for our audiences Nonprofit staff does not add to federal employee numbers	Sparked emergence of community leaders in collaborative efforts Identified issues and began solutions for planning efforts in multiple BLM states. Increased community support and advocacy for land use decisions. Barriers broken down that previously existed in community. Multiple activity or RMP level partnerships have evolved. Built capacity for current and future collaborative decision making. Encouraged transformational leadership, inclusion, institutional change and ecosystem stewardship. Provided tools to resolve issues in collaborative format. Delivered approximately 40 classes in 11 states to over 1500 participants in the last 6 years. Praise from community members, organizations and agency participants.

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Tread Lightly, Inc. <u>Contact:</u> Stewart L. Jacobson	Memorandum of Understanding (1990 and update in 1998): To establish a framework for expanding a cooperative relationship in areas of mutual concern related to land management and education issues regarding responsible recreation use of Federal public lands and waters.	BLM - Stew Jacobson USFS - Jim Miller US Army Corps. - Darrell Lewis BOR - Mollie Buckey Tread Lightly!, Inc. - Lori Davis	This partnership contributes to more effective and efficient management of public lands and waters administered by the agencies as it relates to public education about the protective use of public lands and waters and the responsible use of off-highway vehicles and other forms of mechanical travel. The private partner, Tread Lightly, Inc. secures funding from supporting private companies and individuals to pay for the development of all educational materials used by the federal agencies and the cost of restoration projects on public lands.	Restoration for Recreation: Initiated in 1997, Tread Lightly! works with local and federal agencies on projects to restore popular recreation venues that are in disrepair. Hunter Education: Tread Lightly! just completed a outdoor ethics supplemental curriculum for the national and international hunter education program with 65,000 instructors reaching approximately 750,000 hunter education students annually. Dialogue Series: Tread Lightly brought together a national three part series of multiple user groups, environmental organizations, industry and federal agencies to discuss outdoor ethics education and conflicting agendas. Advertising Leadership Award: For the past several years, Tread Lightly! has recognized and rewarded companies for advertising depicting responsible outdoor recreation and product use. Youth Education: Tread Lightly! creates and markets a wide variety of education materials to schools. Materials are available for all grade levels. Annual Conference: Tread Lightly! holds an annual conference of members, industry press, federal agencies that provides for networking and establishing direction for the coming years.

